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SARDAR URGES: DON'T IMPEDE PRODUCTION

CLARION CALL TO INDIAN LABOUR

Strikes Will Imperil The Nation

ATTACK ON COMMUNISTS

INDORE, May 6 (U.P.I.): A clarion call to Indian labour not to impede production at this critical juncture of the history of the country by strikes and other obstructive methods but to represent their legitimate demands to the Government for an amicable settlement was given by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister this evening.

Sardar Patel was opening the second session of the Indian National Trade Union Congress at Indore. Pandit Hariharnath Shastri, President of the INTUC, presided over the session.

Sardar Patel referred to the Communists and their organisation, the All-India Trade Union Congress, and said that the only reason why they were fomenting strikes in the country was to dislodge the Congress from the position of power it was occupying today, because they realised that they could not secure popular votes by any other tactics, and had very remote possibilities of capturing power in the country.

Sardar Patel made a fervent appeal to labour to become a well-knit organised body under the All-India National Trade Union Congress and train themselves in such a way that they should become a healthy and educated community in the country.

Labour, he said, was the real chariot of independence and it was these people who worked for the nation and who earned their livelihood by the sweat of their brow.

FIRST SESSION

In a 40-minute speech which was punctuated with cheers and applause, the Deputy Prime Minister traced the genesis of the Indian National Trade Union Congress which held its first session in Bombay last year and which was opened by the then Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad. The first labour organisation, Sardar said, was brought into existence in the year 1920 in Ahmedabad, a strong centre of labour, with the blessings and under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhiji also started almost at the same time, labour movement in thirteen villages around Champaran to agitate against the very low wages of the forced labour and imposition of heavy land revenue there. These organisations worked in perfect harmony and co-operation.

The labour organisation of Ahmedabad, Sardar Patel went on, was unique and it was difficult to find its parallel anywhere in the world. This was so because Gandhiji after having made a close and careful study of the various labour organisations in the world founded this institution to suit the peculiar and disorganised labour conditions in the country.

Thereafter, Sardar Patel continued, labour got itself well organise on under the able guidance of Mahatma Gandhi. The first agitation launched in Ahmedabad for increasing the wages of labour was also under guidance of the Mahatma — a right which was denied to the labour so far. The agitation went on for about a week, but the labour became very weak and disheartened because of the sufficient powers in the hands of the industrialists which they freely used against the labour. Some of the strikers had even decided to go back to the mills.

MEETING CALLED

It was at this crucial moment that Gandhiji convened a labour meeting at the bank of Sabarmati, where he exhorted the labourers to organise themselves and take a solemn pledge not to come to terms unless and until a mutually agreed settlement was reached. He also threatened to go on fast if they did otherwise.

Gandhiji's solemn utterings on that occasion created a difficult problem both for the labour and the industrialists and, after a week it was agreed that the differences between the labour and the mill-owners should be settled by arbitration.

This technique gave a new life to the labour organisation in India. It was a great luck for the labour of this country, the Deputy Prime Minister continued, to have secured the valuable services of Mahatma Gandhi who sacrificed his life for their wellbeing.

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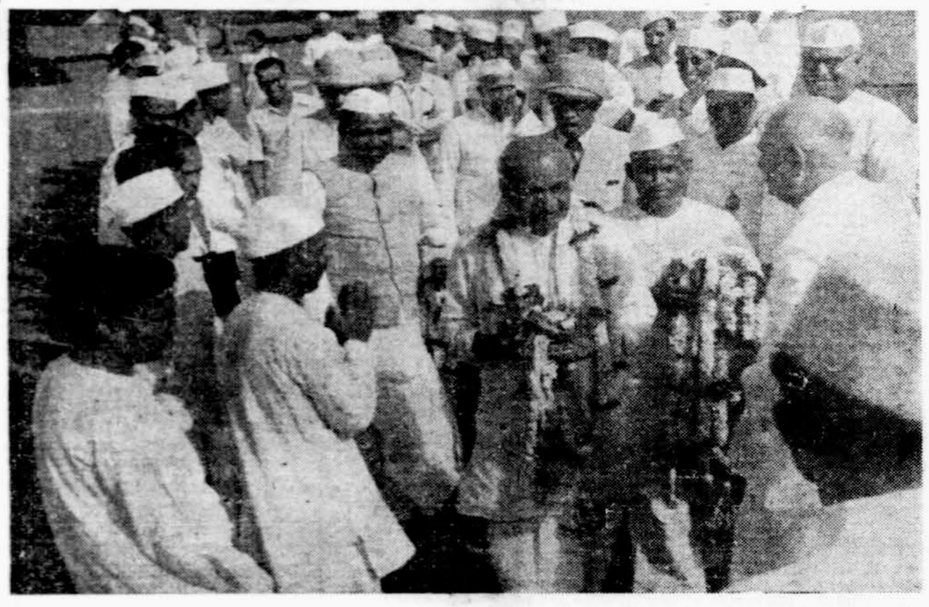

Sardar Patel seen arriving at Indore for the I.N.T.U.C. session. He was accompanied by Mr. Jagjivan Ram.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

CALICUT, May 6 (A.P.I.): Two men were guarding a common jack fruit so anxiously on the platform of Mankapa railway station, a few miles from here that the prohibition-conscious stationmaster decided to get to the bottom of it.

He had the fruit ripped open and out came ten bottles containing brandy.

Meanwhile one man had fled and the other was given over to the prohibition authorities.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY STEAM-ROLLER

BOMBAY, Friday.

A seven-year-old boy was crushed to death by a steam-roller this evening at Parel. It was stated he was playing on the road near the G.I.P. Railway Workshop when the roller accidentally collided against him. He was run over, before it could be brought to a halt, and instantaneously killed.

rebels were killed in a nightlong of

DEPRESSED CLASSES LEAGUE SESSION

NAGPUR, May 6 (U.P.I.): In a civil suit filed by plentiffs H. J. Khandekar and E. Kannam, President and Secretary of the All-India Depressed Class League respectively, against the defendents No. 1 Dharma Prakash, No. 2 Changloe and No. 3 Sunnilal, 'Capt C. N. Sewak, fourth Civil Judge, Nagpur, passed orders today restraining the defendents from holding the twelth session of the All-India Depressed Classes League at Gwalior on May 7 and 8.

The magistrate, further restrained the defendent No. 1 Dharma Prakash from acting as President of the All-India Depressed Classes League and defendent Sunnilal to act as Chairman of the Reception Committee of the 12th session of the All-India Depressed Classes League at Gwalior till further orders.

BRITAIN SHOULD FIGHT RACIAL SEGREGATION

Demand In Commons Debate

LONDON, MAY 6 (PTI-REUTER): SUGGESTING THAT BRITAIN SHOULD ALIGN HERSELF WITH NATIONS WHO CONDEMN SEGREGATION OF COLOURED PEOPLE, LABOUR MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY SAID THAT THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE WAS THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF RACIAL CO-OPERATION.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth relations, counselling restraint in public criticisms said that the best hope that peoples of different races will be able to work together lay in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Thomas Driberg (Labour) initiating the debate said the attitude known as "white supremacy" or "apartheid" was a myth.

The debate was on an adjournment motion.

Mr. Driberg said that the recent success of the Commonwealth Conference proved that there was a real potency in the idea and practice of treating peoples as equals and partners.

The idea of supremacy was "contrary not only to Christianity but to everything which anybody can possibly mean by democracy".

He suggested that British representatives at the United Nations should completely side with those nations which condemned segregation.

"The time may come when we shall have to consider whether the defiance by a member of the Commonwealth, of the club's basic rules, might not necessitate expulsion", he added.

SHOCKING

Mr. Reginald Sorensen (Labour) referred to an "indignant correspondent" in South Africa who wrote to a South African paper declaring that a photograph it published of Mr. Nehru and Dr. Malan sitting side by side while in Britain "must be a lie because Dr. Malan would never tolerate association with an Indian".

"Think of the shocking effect of that letter and the mentality it represents on the millions of human beings whom we want to retain inside the Commonwealth", Mr. Sorensen commented.

"Think of the effect it might have on our Indian brothers and sisters and on the people in our African collonies.

If it was ever assumed that Britain encouraged those anxious to keep the segregation of races permanent, the Commonwealth would steadily disintegrate, he said.

NO EXPULSION

Mr. Frederick Skinnard (Labour) criticised any talk of expulsion from the Commonwealth.

"The moral condemnation of the world should help to remedy what is a very sad picture at the moment of racial discrimination by one part of the Commonwealth."

Sir Richard Acland (Labour said: "We ought to show to the white peoples of South Africa that we understand they are facing difficulties which are greater than those we face ourselves.

It was probably easier to treat coloured peoples as equal in Britain where they represented only a small percentage of the population than in South Africa where they represented a very large section.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, said the question of race relations was a problem of supreme importance to the Commonwealth which was an association whose members co-operated to promote peace, liberty and progress.

"That does not mean that among the governments of the Commonwealth there is always complete agreement at all times on every question. Of course that is not so. But where there is disagreement among friends it is often wise to use restraint in public utterances."

He agreed there was danger of a conflict between the people of Africa and Asia on one hand the people of European origin on the other. "There is a new nationalism in Asia which it is vital we should respect and understand, and there is a new demand in

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SETTLING INDIA'S CASE AGAINST S. AFRICA

Mr. V. K. K. Menon Against Going Through Commonwealth

LONDON, May 6. (PTI-Reuter)—Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, India's High Commissioner in London, told a press conference here today that he did not agree that India should take up the South African issue through the Commonwealth.

"Why should we?" he asked, adding: "We are an independent nation and so is South Africa. The issue has been referred to the UNO. We are members of the United Nations as sovereign states and so it remains".

Mr. Menon was asked how in the light of such discriminatory legislation there could be a feeling of "fraternity and goodwill" among members of the Commonwealth in which India had decided to remain.

CHARTER VIOLATION

Mr. Menon said that there was inadequate appreciation of the complete sovereignty and independence of the various countries in the Commonwealth. The position between South Africa and India, said Mr. Menon, was that both were sovereign independent countries and both were free to pass any legislation in their parliaments.

The Indians in South Africa were no doubt South African nationalists. But India was taking the line in the United Nations Assembly that such legislation and discrimination were violations of the United Nations Charter and were "immoral".

Elaborating the answer later, Mr. Menon said in time with India, Pakistan and Ceylon as part of the aggregate whole it would be difficult to maintain the old situation. As democratic countries one could not go and tell another what should and should not be done.

In each country the Government was not based entirely on logic but governed to some extent by the sentiment of the people. And the sentiment and attitude of the people was bound to change in time.

GANAPATHY CASE

Answering questions regarding the execution of Ganapathy, an Indian trade union leader in Singapore, Mr. Menon said that Indian people and the Government were "very concerned and disturbed" by it.

The Government of India had made representations to the Colonial Office before. But its atitude was that the verdict on Ganapathy had been an unanimous one and ratified by the Sultan of Selangor in whose territory the offence was committed. Selangor was a protected State and not a colony and hence there was no jurisdiction to interfere.

But the Government of India felt that in the circumstances the execution should not have been carried out and they would be making further representations to His Majesty's Government.

Other points made out by Mr. Menon were:—

India was having most friendly relations with China. What the Government of China was or was going to be was a matter for the people of China to decide. At present the Indian Embassy was continuing in Nanking. The qustion of recognising any one Central Government would be decided when the proper time came. He added: "This is not the first time that there are several Governments in China"

About the position of the King, in the Commonwealth he said "Indian subjects do not owe allegiance to the Crown and it is deliberately stated that the headship of the Commonwealth is not a functional position. How can it be functional when the Commonwealth is not a State and does not exercise the functions of a State".

A pressman asked: "Would it be in order to describe India as a Royal Republican State?".

Mr. Menon retorted: "It would be an extremely inaccurate description and and not even funny".

"SPITFIRE" SQUADRON FOR HONGKONG

Reds Intensify Battle For Shanghai

LONDON, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): A Royal Air Force squadron of SPITFIRE fighters is to be moved from Malaya to Hongkong to reinforce the defences there, it was announced today.

An Air Ministry spokesman said today that BEAUFIGHTERS based on Ceylon are being sent to Malaya to replace the SPITFIRES.

The Air Ministry said that the SPITFIRE squadron, which may number anything from nine to 18 aircraft will make the flight to Hongkong "very soon".

LONDON, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): The British cruiser MAURITIUS is sailing from Devonport today to join the East Indies Fleet, the Admiralty announced.

The cruiser JAMAICA is expected to reach Hongkong from the West Indies on May 31.

"The Naval forces in the Pacific are also to be strengthened by the destroyer COMET which is re-fitting at Devonport and the new frigates MORECMBE BAY and MOUNTS BAY", the Admiralty added.

Reds Intensify Battle For Shanghai

HONGKONG, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): Communist columns thrusting towards Shanghai, richest prize in China's civil war, today intensified their bid to crack the northern and southern ends of its strongly fortified defence area.

Latest official reports said formidable Communist forces were concentrating on toppling over the two main pillars—Taichong (also known as Taitssang) and Kashing, respectively 30 miles north-west and 60 miles south-west of Shanghai.

One of the fiercest battles so far fought south of the Yangtse was raging south of Kashing.

REDS ROUTED

Near Taichong, however, 5,000 Communists were routed at dawn after a two-hour engagement, according to a Garrison Communique.

With the steady approach of the Communists to Shanghai the garrison authorities today further tightened the city's security measures.

Another Chinese, fifth in 24 hours, was executed by the police. He was one of 16 sentenced to death for "banditry and undermining the Government".

The authorities executed four men yesterday at the site of their alleged crimes.

BRITONS TO STICK IT OUT

Most of the 3,000 or so British citizens in Shanghai are determined to "stick it out in the city" come what may.

TWO BRITISH OFFICERS MURDERED

The murder early today of two British Hongkong marine officers in a launch in Mirs Bay might be the first incident in a gradually developing of internal unrest in the colony, a responsible British source with wide experience in China said today.

KHER'S CALL TO MAN FOOD FRONT

India Must Become Self-Sufficient By 1951

PROMISE OF MATERIALS TO AGRICULTURISTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. B.G. Kher Premier of Bombay, today called upon the people of the province to make an all-sided effort "with new vigour and drive" to step up food production with a view to achieving self-sufficiency by 1951, as decided upon by Government of India.

The appeal was addressed to all sections of the population, officials and non-officials, workers and peasants and leaders of public opinion in all walks of life. He said that all must lend a helping hand in resolving the food crisis, which if not tided over successfully, must inevitably result in widespread suffering of millions of our countrymen and might not only stop the forward march of progress but perhaps even endanger our very existence as a free country.

The Premier's appeal came on the eve of the conferences of officials and non-officials the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. M. P. Patil, will be holding to prepare "More Production" schemes for every district. The Agriculture Minister left for districts on his mission today.

Promising that the Government would do all in its power to provide the agriculturists with the materials required by them such as iron, steel, cement, diesel oil, implements and machinery, Mr. Kher appealed to them to put the interest of the country before their own and contribute their mite to the solution of the food problem by growing foodcrops on as much land as possible, in preference to money crops.

The Premier ended his appeal with expressing his conviction that if all worked together with one purpose, they would win the battle on the food front and free themselves from the danger of hunger at no distant future.

The following is the text of the Premier's appeal:

Food is one of the basic needs of man and assured supplies of adequate food deeply affect the progress and the prosperity of a country. The problem of agricultural development in general and food production in particular has been engaging the serious attention of the Governments both at the Centre and in the Provinces during the past two years. It is my conviction that only by vigorous and early execution of a well thought out plan can the food economy of the country be placed beyond the threat of recurring scarcity and famine. We have, therefore, been striving hard to evolve a practical programme for securing a definite increase in the foodgrains production within our country, in the shortest possible time.

NO IMPORTS AFTER 1951

The 'Grow More Food' efforts in the past were inadequate and in most areas lacked in the necessary vigour and drive, and the campaign, therefore,

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Mr. B. G. Kher

Republic Of India

PROCLAMATION IN AUGUST LIKELY

NEW DELHI, May 6. (U.P.I.): A determined effort to conclude the discussion of the draft constitution for Republican India in the next three or four months' time so as to enable the Government of India to proclaim to the world its emergence as a sovereign independent Republic from the 15th August, 1949, is expected to be made by the Constituent Assembly which is to commence what is generally regarded as its final session on May 16.

Lobby talks indicate that after the bold and dignified stand taken up by the Prime Minister of India about the new political status of India at the recent conference of Dominion Premiers in London, members of the Constituent Assembly are anxious that the formal proclamation to that effect should be accelerated as much as possible.

PANDIT NEHRU IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Friday: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, returned to India at 11-30 p.m. tonight by an Air-India International plane after attending the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London. Pandit Nehru was away from India for 15 days.

Pandit Nehru looked very cheerful and was in good spirits. On arrival at the airport, he spoke to Mr. B G Kher and Mr. Morarji Desai for a few minutes and then drove to Government House. A large number of Congressmen and citizens gathered at the aerodrome to welcome India's Prime Minister as he drove off.

When asked by a pressman to say a few words on his visit, Pandit Nehru said: "Words are very valuable. They have a magical effect."

Pandit Nehru is leaving for Delhi tomorrow morning by air.

TRUMAN'S INVITATION

WASHINGTON, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): President Truman's invitation to Prime Minister Nehru of India to visit the United States as his guest, was sent within the past two weeks, authoritative sources said today.

Mr. Truman invited Pandit Nehru to come to the United States "later in the year", these sources said. An official announcement, together with the text of the invitation, is expected to be made within the next few days.

NEHRU TO VISIT U. S.

CAIRO, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, told reporters here today that he hoped to visit Washington shortly at the invitation of President Truman.

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APPLICATIONS are invited for posts of probationary engineers, FIVE in the Transportation Engineering Departments and EIGHT in the Electric Supply Departments of this Undertaking on a scale of Rs. 150-25-225 plus Dearness Allowance with prospects of permanent appointment after three years' training as junior engineers on Rs. 315-20-425 plus Dearness Allowance applicable. Candidates must possess a degree or diploma in Mechanical or Automobile Engineering in the case of Transportation Engineering Departments and a degree or diploma in Electrical Engineering in the case of Electric Supply Departments, and must be not less than 20 and not more than 30 years of age (or more than 35 years of age in the case of candidates already in the service of the Undertaking). The successful candidates will be required to furnish a deposit of Rs. 5,000/- either in cash or Government securities. Particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Office Superintendent, General Manager's Office, B.E.S. & T. Undertaking, Electric House, Fort, Bombay, on payment of Rs. 3/- per set. Applications will be received up to 30th May, 1949.

GENERAL MANAGER
4215

HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT

BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., are the exclusive distributors for the whole of India for EUCLID Bottom and Rear Dump Wagons, EUCLID Loaders, CUMMINS DIESEL ENGINES, MARION EXCAVATORS PARMANCO DRILLS and other HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT. Please send your enquiries to BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD. P O Box 8954 Calcutta

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited from trained graduates (B.A., or B.Sc., B.T.s), preferably Honours Graduates with at least two years teaching experience after training and not more than 35 years of age, for admission to the Regional Graduates' Basic Training Centres for Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnatak for the academic year 1949-50. The duration of the course will be one academic year. Candidates who pass the examination to be held at the end of the course will be given the Diploma in Basic Education. Selected candidates will receive a stipend of Rs. 40/- per month while under training and will have to enter into an agreement with the Department to serve for at least five years after the successful completion of the course. Forms of application can be had from the Director of Public Instruction Central Buildings, Poona, for which a stamped envelope should be sent.
(4292)

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited to reach the undersigned before 12 noon on the 21st instant for running a Canteen for seamen on the basis of a monthly contribution to the Merchant Seamen's Amenities Fund. The terms and conditions of the tender and further particulars may be obtained free of charge from:—

The Principal Seamen's Welfare Officer,
Ghulam Mohd Building,
Nicol Road, Ballard Estate,
Bombay.
(4281)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 30

APPLICATIONS invited for the undermentioned posts in the Research and Reference Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligiblity issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) 4TH JUNE, 1949. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion, remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each post. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon upon to do so.

1. ONE DIRECTOR. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. Appointment will be made on a three years' renewable contract. AGE:— No age limits. PAY:— Rs. 1600-100-1800. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL:— (i) 1st or Second Class Degree of a recognised University. (ii) At least 5 years' experience as a research scholar or writer. (iii) Ability to organise research for requirements of pictorial radio and film publicity. (iv) Ability to present to the public the product of intensive research work in an easy and intelligible form. (v) Administrative experience. DESIRABLE:— Knowledge of one or more foreign languages.

2. THREE RESEARCH OFFICERS (GAZETTED). Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. Appointment will be made on a three years' renewable contract. AGE:— Below 50 years. PAY:— Rs. 720-40-1000. QUALIFICATIONS:— (i) Honours Degree of a recognised University. (ii) Marked literary ability in composition (in English) of articles for magazines and newspapers. (iii) At least 5 years' experience as a research scholar or writer (iv) Post-graduate research work in social or Political Economy or in Cultural, Social and Political History. (v) Wide knowledge of and interest in topical events of India and abroad.

3. THREE ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICERS. Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. Appointment will be made on a three years' renewable contract. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 350-25-500-E.B.-30-620. QUALIFICATIONS :— ESSENTIAL:— (i) M.A. or three years' Honours Degree of a recognised University. (ii) Literary ability as evidenced by published works or published articles copies of which should be sent. DESIRABLE:— Research training.

4. FOUR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS. Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:— Below 40 years. PAY:— Rs. 300-20-500. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL:— (i) A degree, preferably 1st or 2nd Class of a recognised University (ii) Literary ability as evidenced by published works or articles copies of which should be sent. DESIRABLE:— Aptitude for Research Work.

5. ONE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. Appointment will be made on a three years' renewable contract. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 350-25-500-E.B.-30-620. QUALIFICATIONS:— (i) Degree of a recognised University (ii) Diploma in Librarianship. (iii) 3 years' experience in a library.
4302

G. I. P. RAILWAY
IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE SPECIAL station-to-station rates for Oranges, Plantains and other fresh fruits in wagon loads now in force on the G. I. P. will be enhanced approximately to the level of the quarter parcels rate from 1-6-1949.

Full particulars will be available in a Rate Circular that will be issued shortly.
4259

PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPPLY OF HOSIERY TO PAKISTAN.
TENDERS

SEALED TENDERS marked as "Tender for Hosiery" are invited by the undersigned for the supply of the following items of Cotton Hosiery.

	Size	Quantities		Delivery.
(1) VESTS COTTON KNITTED SLEEVELESS (As per our specification No. CXS/77(a)	36"	5,44,900	Nos.	Earliest possible date. (To be indicated by the tenderers.)
	38"	7,28,000	"	
	40"	18,000	"	
	Total:	12,90,900	"	

	Size	Quantities		Delivery.
(2) DRAWERS COTTON KNITTED SHORTS (As per our specification No. CXS/44(b)	34"	18,400	Pairs	Earliest possible date. (To be indicated by the tenderers).
	36"	6,27,600	"	
	38"	4,16,800	"	
	40"	1,68,000	"	
	Total	12,30,800	"	

The specifications, in accordance with which the supplies are required, can be seen in the Office of the undersigned on any working day between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Tenders should be accompanied with sealed samples of each item, size and variety and must reach the undersigned NOT LATER than the 20th May 1949. The offers should remain open upto 30th June 1949. The prices should be quoted per dozen both F.O.B. port of shipment and C.I.F. Karachi, separately.

The material will be inspected before despatch at the port of shipment. The payment will be made to the suppliers through a letter of credit in India.

ABDUL MAJID,
Liaison Officer (Textiles)
Government of Pakistan
(4290)

"NOOR BAUGH"
Babula Tank Road,
Bombay, Dated 3-5-49.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING.

WANTED.

BUS DRIVERS with the following qualifications:—

a) Age—between 23 and 35 years.
b) Height— 5' 4" or over.
c) Without glasses vision should be normal.
d) Clean Driving Licence of at least 1 year's standing with Heavy Transport Vehicle Endorsement.
e) Documentary evidence to prove that applicant has driven Heavy Transport Vehicle for one year.

Apply

J. R. TALEYARKHAN,
Traffic Manager.
4213

TENDER NOTICE

Specification No. ELG/T. 10

SURAT-BILLIMORA 66 KV TRANSMISSION LINE SOUTH GUJARAT ELECTRIC GRID SCHEME.

THE TIME and date for receiving the tenders against the above Specifications which was extended upto 5 p.m. on the 18th May, 1949, is further extended upto 5 p.m. on the 6th June 1949. The tenders will be opened at 11 a.m. on the 7th June, 1949.

V. R. VAIDYA
Executive Engineer
(Transmission)
For Electrical Commissioner with the Govt. of Bombay
Electric Grid Offices,
Foreshore Road.
Bombay 1:
Dated 5th May, 1949.
(4294)

THE EASTERN FEDERAL UNION INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Pakistan)
Registered Office:
K. C. Dey Road, Chittagong.

NOTICE under Sub-Rule 3, Rule 14 of Insurance Rules is hereby given that in response to our previous notice for election of 3 Policyholders Directors (1) Dr. Ahmed Hussain of 52 Syed Amir Ali Avenue, Calcutta 19, (2) Mr. Khondkar Fazle Haider of 4 Shamla, Bhopal, (3) Mr. Najmul Huq of 89-A Hazari Lane, (Off K. C. Dey Road), Chittagong, (4) Mr. Syed Shah Reyazur Rahman of Kashmiri Kothi, Patna City, applied for election as Directors.

Since the policy on the basis of which Mr. Syed Shah Reyazur Rahman applied for election has not acquired the statutory time limit, his application was disqualified and (1) Dr. Ahmed Hussain of 52 Syed Amir Ali Avenue, Calcutta 19, (2) Mr. Khondkar Fazle Haider of 4 Shamla, Bhopal and (3) Mr. Najmul Huq of 89-A Hazari Lane, (Off K. C. Dey Road), Chittagong, have been declared elected as Directors.

The meeting notified to be held on 20th June, 1949 is hereby cancelled.

By Order of the Chairman.
T. N. BAXTER.
General Manager
Dated the 2nd May, 1949.

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS LIMITED
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Transfer Books of the India United Mills, Limited will be closed from Friday, the 3rd June, 1949, to Friday, the 24th June, 1949, both days inclusive.

The Dividend if sanctioned will be paid to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on the 3rd June, 1949.

By Order of the Board.
AGARWAL & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 4th May, 1949.
4310

NOTICE

WANTED A TECHNICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT for the Tata Main Hospital Pathological Laboratory in the scale of Rs. 116-6-140-10-180, plus dearness allowance Rs. 19-8-0, emergency bonus 10 per cent, G. A. Bonus 10 per cent, food rebate Rs. 10/- all temporary, provident fund and profit-sharing bonus. Minimum qualification B.Sc. degree and training in pathology. Age below 35. Apply with full particulars to the Asstt. Director of Personnel (Employments), Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur, on or before 31st May, 1949.
4315

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership which subsisted between our client Mr. GAJANAN RAMIAS MURANJAN and Mr. GAJANAN NANABHAI NAIK, who were carrying on business in partnership as dealers in Watches, Clocks, and other articles, at Pydhonie in Bombay, under the name and style of Ramdas Ramchandra and Company, stands dissolved as from the 3rd day of April, 1949. The said Mr. Gajanan Nanabhai Naik has now no interest as a partner, since the said date, in the said business.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1949
PAYNE & CO.,
Attorneys for
Mr. Gajanan Ramdas Muranjan
4313

THE DHARAMSI MORARJI CHEMICAL CO. LTD., BOMBAY.
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at its Registered Office at 'Prospect Chambers', 317-21 Hornby Rd., Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th June, 1949, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948; (2) To declare a Dividend; (3) To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-election; (4) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration and (5) To transact such other business as may be put before the Meeting by the Chairman.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1949 to WEDNESDAY, the 8th June, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
DHARAMSI MORARJI & CO.
Managing Agents.

'Prospect Chambers',
317-21 Hornby Rd., Fort.
Bombay, 4th May, 1949.

NOTE: The dividend, if sanctioned at the General Meeting, will be made payable at the Central Bank of India Ltd., Bombay, on and after Thursday, the 16th June, 1949 to those shareholders whose names stand on the register of the Company on the 8th June, 1949, to whom dividend warrants will be posted. Change of addresses, if any, should be intimated to the Company with the least possible delay.
4311

SHA HURGOWAN ANANDJI DESAI'S FREE BOARDING INSTITUTION

APPLICATIONS are invited so as to reach the undersigned on or before MONDAY, THE 23RD MAY, 1949, from Hindu Male students intending to prosecute their studies for (1) Inter Commerce, (2) Bachelor of Commerce, (3) Inter Science, (4) Bachelor of Science, (5) Medicine (M.B., B.S.) and in J. J. School of Arts.

Application form will be sent on receipt of Rs. 0-2-6 stamps or personally.

MANILAL K. DESAI,
Secretary,
H. A. Desai Charities Trust Office, Corner Pinjrapole Street, Bombay 4.
4319

PUBLIC NOTICES

SIR J. J. SCHOOL OF ART, BOMBAY.
EVENING ART CLASSES

From 5-30 to 7-30 p.m. (S.T.).

New Session opens on 13th June, 1949.

AN UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY for lovers of art, art students and professional artists. Expert guidance in the following subjects is given:

Drawing from Life, Painting in oils and water colours, drawing and sketching in charcoal, pastel and pencil, design and commercial art, etc.

Individual attention a special feature. Further particulars can be had from the Director, Sir J. J. School of Art, Hornby Road, Bombay No. 1.
4323

SIR J. J. SCHOOL OF ART, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following posts:—

(a) One Accountant and Storekeeper, and
(b) Clerks.

QUALIFICATIONS:—

(a) Matriculation Examination with good knowledge of accounting, and store-keeping. Candidate with experience in accounting and store-keeping in a Government Office will be given a preference. Selected candidate will have to furnish a security of Rs. 2,000/-.
(b) Matriculation Examination with ability to type neatly and well with a minimum speed of 25 words per minute.
(a) and (b): Candidates should have domicile in the Province of Bombay. Age should not be less than 18 and more than 25 years at the time of appointment.

Scale of pay for (a) and (b):— Rs. 75-5-140-E. B.-6-200 plus dearness allowance at the rate sanctioned by Government from time to time. Graduates will be given a start of Rs. 85/ p.m. and graduates with honours will be started on Rs. 95/- p.m. in the above scale.

Applications together with copies of certificates of qualifications, domicile, date of birth, etc., should reach the Director, Sir J. J. School of Art, Hornby Road, Bombay, on or before the 31st of May, 1949.
4322

SIR J. J SCHOOL OF ART, BOMBAY.
MORNING ART CLASSES

From 8 to 10 a.m. (S.T.).

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY for art students, lovers of art and professional artists.

These Classes are specially meant for those students who are unable to join the Day Classes or the Evening Art Classes at this Institution. These Classes are under the PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR ASSISTED BY TWO TEACHERS, MESSRS. J. M. AHIVASI AND B. D. SHIRGAONKAR.

Instructions will be given in the following subjects:—

FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS:
Drawing, painting, designing in Indian and Oriental style, composition dealing with typical Indian subjects, brush and outline drawing and study from Life and Antique in typical Indian or Western style.

FOR BEGINNERS:
Fundamentals of drawing and sketching, freehand drawing, drawing and painting from Life or Cast, still life and pattern design.

Individual attention, facilities for tuition in selected subjects and no examination are special features.

For further particulars, apply to the Director, Sir J. J. School of Art, Hornby Road, Bombay, 1.
4324

LABOUR WELFARE OFFICER, SHOLAPUR

APPLICATIONS from persons domiciled in the Province of Bombay and who are not more than 30 years of age are invited for the post of Labour Welfare Officer, Sholapur in the scale of Rs. 140-6-230-10-260 with usual allowances admissible under Government Rules. Candidates should be graduates preferably in Economics of any recognized University and must have good experience of Welfare work. Persons holding the diploma or certificate of the School for Training of Labour Welfare Workers of the Government of Bombay and the Institute of Physical Education at Kandivali will be preferred. Knowledge of Marathi essential. Preference to those knowing Telugu also. Applications with all particulars regarding age, domicile, etc., should reach the Deputy Commissioner of Labour Welfare, Wellington Cinema Building, Dhobi Talao, Bombay 2, NOT LATER THAN 15TH MAY, 1949.
4312

REWARD OF RS. 500/-

WE OFFER Rs. 500/- to anyone who will bring to our notice the person who is duplicating our famous Medicine ZINDA TILISMAT. The popularity of Zinda Tilismat invoked others to cheat the Public by selling in the Market fake medicine under the Registered name and the Trade Mark of Zinda Tilismat. Therefore we request the Dealers and the Public to be aware of such imitation. We have no travelling Agent in Bombay District and in Hyderabad district our Lorries deliver Zinda Tilismat directly.

Issued by the makers of:
ZINDA TILISMAT,
Hyderabad (Dn.).
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited from GRADUATES with Diploma in teaching for the post of an Office Assistant in the scale of Rs. 120/-, 10/-, 200/-, 15/-, 305/-, 20/-, 325/- in the Education Office of the Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. The post is temporary for one year with the possibility of being made permanent. Applications stating age, qualifications and experience should reach the Asstt. Director of Personnel (Employment), Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur on or before the 10th June, 1949.

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THE DIGVIJAY INSURANCE CO. LTD. BOMBAY

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Digvijay Insurance Company Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Dhan-Nur, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, on TUESDAY, the 31st May, 1949, at 5 P.M. to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors Report and Audited Balance Sheet and Revenue Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1948.
2. To elect Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current Year and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact such other business as may be duly brought forward by the Chairman.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will remain CLOSED from 9th May 1949 to 31st May 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
H. N. ASHAR,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 28th April, 1949.

(4327)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Mr. HARI GANGARAM KANADE and GANGARAM HARI KANADE of Bombay have contracted to sell the undermentioned property free from incumbrances to my clients. All persons having any claim by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance, gift, lien, lease, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to communicate the same to the undersigned at his Office at Lawyers Chambers, Picket Road, Bombay, within 14 days from this date. Otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

All that piece of land, being new Plot No. 49, situate at Lady Jamshedji Road, Bombay, admeasuring 373.84 sq. yds. with the house standing thereon registered under C. S. No. 1963 of Mahim Division and in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G. Ward No. 4947 (1), Street No. 275, New Street No. 98a, 98c, 100 & 100a, bounded on the East by Lady Jamshedji Road, on the West by Municipal Plot No. 50, on the North by Municipal Plot No. 49A and on the South by 20 ft. passage.

Dated 5th May, 1949.
(Sd.) B. S. SABNIS.
Purchaser's Advocate.

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W.S. BE FILED BEFORE A WEEK DATE OF HEARING

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES

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(Rules 1 and 5, Order V Act. V of 1908)

CIVIL SUIT NO. 27B OF 1948
IN THE COURT OF SHREE B. K. RAO IInd CIVIL JUDGE CLASS II AT JUBBULPORE C. P.

BHAGWANDAS JAIN, General Merchant, Sadarbazar, Jubbulpore. ..... Plaintiff
MOHAMMAD SIDDIQEE, ... Defendant.

CLAIM 348/7/-

To Mohammad Seddiqee Haji Ahmed, son of not known, caste Muslim, resident of Regal Larpumery works Tahsil district, High Class Perfumery Manufacturers 80 Chuckla Street, Bombay.

Whereas Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for 348/7/- you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person, or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some persons able to answer all such questions on the 24th day of June, 1949, at 11 o'clock in the noon to answer the claim; and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day beforementioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 22nd day of February, 1949.

(Sd.) B. K. RAO.
IInd C. Judge
Class II,
Jubbulpore.

Office of the Civil Judges, Class II, Jubbulpore. 4320

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING.

SEALED TENDER for disposal of Empty Gunny Bags will be received by the Chief Storekeeper up to noon on 16th May, 1949.

Tender forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, on personal application but will not be forwarded by post. 4318

FOR SALE

A DEEP SEA going salvage Tug 214 tons, length, 100' breadth 23', depth 13'. Suitable for heavy towage, etc., recently surveyed. An opportunity for Shipping Cos. plying in Kathiawar Ports. Further particulars from Pioneer Ship Breaking & Engineering Corporation, Darukhana, Mazagaon, Bombay. 4317

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the supply of Asphalt and Bitumen will be received by the Chief Storekeeper up to noon on Wednesday, 11th May, 1949.

Tender forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, on personal application but will not be forwarded by post. 4321

NOTICE

NOBLE STEEL PRODUCTS LTD. (In Liq.)

THE CREDITORS of the abovenamed company are hereby informed that by an Order made by the Appeal Court on 21st February 1949 the winding up Order herein dated 27th September 1948 is vacated and the Official Liquidator is discharged as the Liquidator of the said company and directed to hand over possession of all the assets of the company to the said Company. The Official Liquidator of the said company has therefore handed over possession of the assets of the said company to the Company.

The creditors of the company, who have filed their claims with the undersigned, are therefore requested to communicate direct with the Company with regard to such claims.

Dated this 22nd day of April 1949.

R. MATHALONE.
Official Liquidator.
High Court, Bombay.

4305

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY CANCELLATION OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

WITH EFFECT from MONDAY May 9th, Nos. 11 Down and 12 Up Passenger trains will be cancelled temporarily between Baroda and Ahmedabad and will run between Bombay Central and Baroda only.

The B.B. & C.I. Railway much regret the inconvenience which may be caused by the cancellation of these trains. The cancellation has become necessary in view of the very heavy famine traffic which the Railway is being called upon to move over the Ahmedabad District for the Bombay, Saurashtra and Cutch Governments.

(4326)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE on 10th May at 10-30 a.m. at Ordnance Depot, Sewri, of Furniture, Medical Stores, etc., and at 3 p.m., at Balmer Lauries Godown, Jakaria Bunder, Sewri, of Hack Saw Blades, Friction Disc., etc. Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit and sales tax. For catalogues apply to: CRAWFORD & CO., Ph. 20521.

AUCTION SALE OF PRINTING MACHINERY & OFFICE FURNITURE, ETC.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from Messrs. Amarchand & Mangaldas, Attorneys for Harji Lavji Damani alias Shayda the Hypothecatee and on account and at risk of the Crescent News Publications Ltd., the Hypothecators sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, 10th instant at 12 noon, 12-14, Bakehouse Lane, near 'Janmabhoomi', Fort.

All printing machinery including cylinder machines, tradles, electric motors, stitching machines, cutting machines full size, perforating machine, shafting pulleys, large lot of types with racks, proof machine, cycle, lead cutting machine, etc., also office furniture, etc.

Machinery on view from 3 to 5 p.m. on working days. Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION SALE of optical instruments, frames, weighing balances, Zerenica cylinder, sockets, stethoscopes, eye-guards, etc., on 12-5-49 at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.), at C.O.D., Kandiwali near Malad Station and on the same day at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at E. S. D., Kandivali: reamers earth rings, rubber joints, components for boilers, elements, explosion fuse, hose wrenches, boilers, reflectors, nets, table lamps, lead sheets, glass, pipes, fittings rods, turn cocks, hinges, etc., by order of Regional Disposal Commissioner. Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit. For particulars apply to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE
AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), at 10-30 a.m. Property of D. Robertson and others at Seth Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face of complete household and office furniture, 72" ins. large and small Godrej and Austrian Safe, steel almirah, typewriter, Sewing machine, partition, electric table fan, dining, writing and dressing table, show case, Chesterfield, Zoola sofa cabinet, almirah, bed large baba rocking horse, gramophone, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213. EASTERN AUCTION CO.

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Vaishakh Shud 9, 2005
Muslim: Rajjab 8, 1368.
Parsi: Adar 7, 1368.
Sunrise: 6-8 a.m. Sunset: 7-3 p.m.
Highide: 05-53, 19-41.
Lowtide: 01-28, 13-00

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY: Entrance examination results, 12 noon.

BOMBAY CENTRAL CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.: General meeting, Lalai Estate School Hall, Lamington Road, 3-30 p.m.

INDIA CULTURE LEAGUE: Tagore birthday, songs and dances, Vanmali Hal, Dadar, 6-30 p.m.

TAGORE SOCIETY: Tagore birthday songs and dances, Poddar College, Matunga, 6 p.m.

LITTLE PIONEERS: Exhibition of handicrafts, Lingal E. S. H. School Hall, Naigaum, Dadar, 4 p.m.

HINDI HIGH SCHOOL, GHATKOPAR: Opening ceremony by Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Sunday, 9 a.m.

SHRI RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Lecture on "Life and teachings of Bhagwan Shri Ramana Maharshi", South Indian Bhajana Samaj.

GIRGAUM DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Meeting of 'D' Ward Congress Corporators and workers, Wilson High School, V. P. Pate Road, Bombay 4, 8 a.m.

PICTURE ON PROHIBITION: Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction will preside over the Muhurt Ceremony of the film "Sanjeevan"—a picture on Prohibition to be produced by Kala Chitra, at 6-15 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, at M. and T. Films Studios on Kuria Road, Andheri.

SCHOOLS FOR SINDHI REFUGEE CHILDREN

Standing Committee Recommends Grant

BOMBAY, Friday.

In an address to representatives of the Sindhi people regarding the opening of schools for Sindhi Refugees, Mrs. Sulochana Modi, Chairman of the Schools Committee, said that the petition of the Sindhi people, which was placed before the Schools Committee, had received a favourable response from that body.

The Standing Committee has recommended to the Municipal Corporation that the sum of Rs. 28,000 be granted to the Schools Committee for the purpose of opening six such schools. The Bombay Municipality has also represented its case before the Bombay Government, and it had been assured that the matter would be placed before the Central Government for consideration of financial assistance.

Mahila Sangh Demands Release Of Politicals

BOMBAY, Friday.

At a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parel Mahila Sangh and the Shivaji Park Mahila Sangh held recently, resolutions supporting the demands of members of The Trade Union movement for the abolition of classification of political prisoners and for better food for prisoners was passed. A resolution demanding an investigation into the firing on demonstrators of the Mahila Atma Raksha Samiti in Calcutta recently, was also passed. A third resolution demanded the release of political prisoners.

Radio

BOMBAY, Saturday, May 7.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Master Balakram (Vocal) 7-45 Shivkumar P. Punjani (Flute) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 V. S. Shah (Vocal) 8-45 News (G).
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 k/s)
12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 12-59 V. S. Shah (Vocal) 1-0 News (G) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 You Asked for It.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s).
5-0 to 7-45 p.m.
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
8-0 to 11-0 p.m.
8-0 p.m. Master Balakram (Vocal) 8-15 Shivkumar P. Punjani (Flute) 8-0 News (E) 8-10 News (H) 8-30 Azambai (Vocal) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Master Balakram (Vocal) 7-30 Shivkumar P. Punjani (Flute) 7-48 Pilamanthi 8-0 V. S. Shah (Gujarati Geeto) 8-15 News (G) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 Instrumental Music.
VARIATIONS.
353 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
7-45 a.m. News (K) 8-0 D. V. Paluskar (Vocal) 8-30 News (M) 9-45 Dharamsingh G. Nanjiani.
353 m. (850 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 Dharamsingh G. Nanjiani 1-10 Geet Sudha 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Nabhowanchiya Parisarat.
353 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
5-0 to 7-15 p.m.
61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)
7-30 to 11-0 p.m.
8-30 p.m. Bhairoopi 6-0 Dharamsingh G. Nanjiani 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Kabirdas Bhajan 8-30 Sandesh: 8-45 Musical Interlude 9-0 Azzmbai (Vocal) 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Around the Local Cinemas Review in English 9-55 Teer Nahi to Tukko 10-0 D. V. Paluskar (Vocal).

BARODA: AHMEDABAD, Saturday, May 7.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Bhajanawali 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Hiralal Nakshigara 8-45 News (G) 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Krishnarao Kolhapur (Been) 6-25 Vasudev Shelat (Vocal) 6-35 Gramano Mate (Vocal) (From Baroda) 6-35 Music (From Ahmedabad) 7-0 Film Songs 7-15 Savinay Nivedan 7-30 Vasudeo Shelat (Vocal).
326.1 m. (920 kc/s)
7-45 p.m. Vatsala Nadkarni (Vocal) 8-0 Shamshad Begum (Vocal) 8-10 Local Announcements 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Hiralal Nakshigara (Vocal) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 The Land of our Choice 9-30 "Khotna Chhoru" 9-55 Interlude 10-0 Vatsala Nadkarni (Light songs) 10-15 Krishnarao Kolhapure (Been).

FAREWELL TO M. S. NORONHA

Retiring Chief Judge Of Small Causes Court

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. M. S. Noronha, Retiring Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court, Bombay, was given a farewell address by the Bombay Advocates' Association at the Small Causes Court Building, Dhobitalao, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. A. S. Davar, President of the Association paid tributes to Mr. Noronha and said that he still remembered the day when a pale young man, shy and somewhat reserved came to the Bar to practice. Within a very short period, he rose to eminence as a lawyer, through sheer industry and finally became a Judge of the Small Causes Court. During his 20 years of Judgeship, Mr. Noronha always kept in mind the welfare of the junior members of the Bar. Mr. Noronha was Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court for over 7 years.

While thanking the association for the honour done to him, Mr. Noronha said, "I am happy to be told by you that I have won the confidence of the Bar and the public; the credit for this is largely due to your co-operation."

Mr. Noronha added that he had worked hard, conscientiously, and fearlessly and never discriminated between the poor and the rich litigants. Neither had he discriminated against a junior member of the Bar who was pitted against a powerful senior.

QUALIFIED OVERSEERS PROMOTED

Recent Reversions Explained

The Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay writes: Criticism in a section of the Press about the recent reversion of some Overseers in the Public Works Department of the Government of Bombay, who were officiating as Deputy Engineers, and recruitment to these higher posts of fresh graduates suggests that there is some misunderstanding in the minds of the public that even Overseers with sufficient experience to their credit are not eligible for promotion to higher posts. This belief is erroneous.

For various grades of engineering works, Engineering Colleges have separate courses. There is a very short course, of less than a year, for sub-overseers; there is a three years course, with a diploma, fitting persons for sectional charges as Overseers. And there is a course of 5 1/2 years in Science and Engineering Colleges leading to a University Degree, the holders of which from direct recruits to the rank of Deputy Engineer.

Apart from direct recruitment, there has always been and there is at present recruitment by promotion. Thus, Overseers, who possess a Diploma in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering, Poona, or its equivalent and who have put in fifteen years' service in the department and possess the requisite standard of efficiency are eligible for the post of Deputy Engineer by promotion, and are so promoted.

Recently there has been a large expansion in the works under the charge of the Public Works Department and a number of Deputy Engineers had to be recruited in consultation with the Public Service Commission. As this procedure took time and the works had to go on, several Overseers were temporarily promoted to officiate as Deputy Engineers as a stop-gap arrangement. Naturally, when these Deputy Engineers were recruited in consultation with the Public Service Commission those who had been promoted as a stop-gap arrangement had to revert.

Kamaladevi Addresses Social Club

BOMBAY, Friday.

Addressing the Cotton Textiles Social Club this evening at Sudama House, Ballard House, Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya urged upon the youth of India to give serious thought to the burning social problems of the country.

She said that the new generation free from the prejudice of their elders must develop healthy social outlook and adjust themselves to the changed conditions in the country. She deplored the miserable salaries of school teachers and urged that this criminal state of affairs must end.

WEATHER

POONA, May 6 (A.P.I.): The following is the daily weather summary for Friday, May 6, 1949:—

Thunder-showers occurred locally in Chota Nagpur and at a few stations in Assam, Gangetic West Bengal and South-east Madras.

Temperatures were appreciably above normal in the East Punjab, North Rajputana and Vindhya Pradesh. Day temperatures were appreciably below normal in Gangetic West Bengal, Chota Nagpur, Bihar and the East United Provinces.

Forecast valid until the evening of 7th:— Thunder-showers will occur locally in Chota Nagpur and Bihar. There will be scattered Thunder-showers in Assam, West Bengal, the northern districts of the United Provinces and in the south of peninsula.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st April 1949 and departure from normal recorded at eight hours I.S.T. on 6th May 1949:—

Ahmedabad 103 79 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmednagar 102 69 0 0 minus 0.4, Allahabad 105 82 0 0 minus 0.2, Baroda 104 80 0 0, Belgaum 94 66 0 1.5 minus 0.4, Bhopal 104 82 0 0 minus 0.2, Bhuj 98 79 0 0 minus 0.3, BOMBAY 92 79 0 0 0 Calcutta 92 75 T 6.5 plus 3.9, Delhi 108 79 0 0 minus 0.4, Hyderabad (Dn.) 106 83 0 0.4 minus 0.9, Lahore 111 76 0 0 minus 0.6, Lucknow 101 80 0 0 minus 0.3 Madras 102 83 0 0.9 plus 0.3, Poona 99 70 0 0 minus 0.7, Surat 93 80 0 0 minus 0.1.

PROTECTION TO WAR-TIME INDUSTRIES

Tariff Board Issues Questionnaire

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Secretary of the Indian Tariff Board has issued the following 'communique': Protection granted to the following war-time industries expires on 31st March, 1950. The question of continuance of protection to these industries after 31st March, 1950, is under investigation by the Tariff Board. A questionnaire has been framed for producers in respect of these industries and is ready for issue. Manufacturers, who desire that their views should be considered by the Board, may obtain copies of the questionnaire from the Secretary, Indian Tariff Board, Contractor Building (3rd floor), Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

(1) Non-ferrous metals, (2) Wood Screws, (3) Starch, (4) Glucose, (5) Cocoa powder and Chocolate, (6) Plywood and tea-chests, (7) Cotton and hair belting, (8) Steel Belt Lacing, (9) Ferro-silicon, (10) Photochemicals, (11) Antimony, (12) Phosphates and Phosphoric Acid, (13) Bichromates, (14) Calcium Chloride, (15) Coated Abrasives, (16) Potassium Permanganate, (17) Sewing Machines, (18) Stearic Acid and Oleic Acid, (19) Hurricane Lanterns and (20) Dry Battery.

Equalisation Fund And Cess Branches

Director (publicity), office of Textile Commissioner, Bombay writes:—It is notified for general information that the Equalisation Fund and Cess Branches of the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, have been wound up with effect from the 1st May 1949.

Sarees In Extra Cloth Ration

With the compliments of the Public Relations Officer (Rationing). Printed and coloured Sarees will not be issued within the extra quota of 10 yards. You can, therefore, purchase only two white bleached Sarees, with or without border, of fine or medium variety within the extra quota of 10 yards.

City Press-Owner In Trouble

The General Branch of the C.I.D. arrested yesterday Babubhai J. Patel, owner of Mumbadevi Printing Press on a charge of illegally printing entry and each coupons for cross-word puzzles in Gujerati "Kasoti".

Sub-Inspector D. M. Hazarani is making inquiries.

Prohibition Programme Not To Be Revised

MINISTER PATIL SCOTCHES WHISPERING CAMPAIGN

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay, instead of revising its prohibition programme, will press for its extension to all Provinces in India in a uniform manner and will also urge the extension of prohibition to the defence services, at the forthcoming conference of Excise Ministers, due to be held in New Delhi next month.

In an exclusive interview to "The Bombay Chronicle" today, Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise, Government of Bombay, stated that there was no truth whatever in the whispering campaign that is being carried on in the city that the Government would adopt a "Go Slow" policy in the matter of prohibition.

He gave the lie to rumours being circulated by anti-prohibitionists and subtle suggestions being made in a section of the press that the number of dry days would be reduced and liquor quotas to bars and shops would be increased.

MISCHEVOUS PROPAGANDA

"The propaganda is carefully planned. It must be counteracted, if prohibition is to succeed", he added. Such methods had been tried in the pre-prohibition era in America and because the mischief was not nipped in the bud, prohibition had failed in that country. The Minister expressed his chagrin that certain newspapers had lent themselves, wittingly or unwittingly, to vested interests.

At the forthcoming Excise Ministers' Conference the Bombay Government would press for a uniform and co-ordinated policy with regard to prohibition in all Provinces. The question of permitting drinks, for the Defence Services, would also be considered by the Conference.

Contrary to popular belief, the number of habitual drinkers, in armed forces, was small. It was only a few officers and men, who were used to drinks. Prohibition for the armed forces, would not be practicable, unless it was introduced on an All-India scale, as the defence personnel, came directly under the Government of India and were subject to transfers from area to area, dry or otherwise.

But, Bombay would however press for the inclusion of the Defence forces in Bombay area in the prohbition plan.

The conference would also consider the question of co-ordinating provincial policies with regard to opium, drugs and alcohol for medicinal purposes.

FROM FRIDAY NEXT—THE SEASON OF ENTERTAINMENT STARTS in RIGHT EARNEST
Standard Pictures Corp. Musical Extravaganza
M. HAVEVALA PRODUCTION—

Roshni

The Ravishing REHANA. MUMTAZ ALI, Late Mr. V. H. DESAI
SOFIA, BENJAMIN, PRAN, CHAND BURQUE.
Story-Scenario-Dialogues: SANTOSHI | Music: C. RAMCHANDRA. | Director: RAMANLAL DESAI.
FROM FRIDAY— 13TH MAY—AT 2 THEATRES
NOVELTY AND NEPTUNE BANDRA
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m. Sat., Sun. Mat. at 12-30 p.m. Booking 10 to 12 & 4 to 6 p.m.
Daily: 1, 3-15, 6-45 & 9-45. Booking 3 to 9 p.m. A CENTRAL FILM DIST. Release.
BOOKING STARTS FROM MONDAY 9TH—RUSH TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

ARRESTING—
NERVE TINGLING—
DAZZLING—
AUDACIOUS
ZOOMING!
7TH WEEK

MEHBOOB'S EPOCH-MAKING CREATION
with NAUSHAD'S MUSIC
NARGIS, DILIP
V. H., CUCKOO & RAJ
LIBERTY
'SHOW PLACE OF THE NATION'
3-0, 6-15 & 9-30
Plans open for all classes
10 a.m. to 8-30 p.m.
A JAYSINH Release

GALA OPENING NEXT FRIDAY

HE LIVED FOR THE PLEASURE OF LIVING —
HIS INFECTIOUS POETRY WAS THE PHILOSOPHY OF ALL GENERATIONS—

OMAR KHAYYAM

MURARI PICTURES' MEMORIAL OFFERING—
Direction: MOHAN SINHA
Starring: (the one & only) SAIGAL with SURAIYA, WASTI, MUZAMIL, etc.
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Advance Booking Opens from Monday:
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SWASTIK INDIA LTD. Release.

LAST WEEK LAST WEEK
MEETH-BHAKAR
Director: BHALJI PENDHARKAR
Starring: SULOCHANA & SAROJ.
SWASTIK 8TH WEEK | KOHINOOR 5TH WEEK
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 Sat. Sun. 1 P.M.

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EDWARD KALBADEVI ROAD
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Most Exciting Thrilling and full of Breathtaking Adventures
A POPULAR SERIAL
INVISIBLE TERROR
Ralph Byrd * Ralph Morgan
Sunday Morn. at 10 a.m.
TYCOON (Technicolor)
Next FRIDAY: .. .. KAJAL

NEPTUNE
Opp Bandra Station Phone: 89419
Daily 3-45, 6-45, & 9-45 P.M.
Matinee Sunday 1 P.M.
Now showing! ALLIED Pictures
GAJRE
Suraiya, Motilal, Geeta Nizami

CROWDED EVEN IN 2nd WEEK
FILMISTAN'S HIT
NADIYA KE PAR
Starring: KAMINI KAUSHAL, DILIP KUMAR, MAYA BANNERJI
Daily: 4, 6-45 & 9-30
Sat. Sun., Matinee 1 p.m.
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(DADAR)

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

"SAWAN AYA RE"

At Krishna & Capitol

From Friday next, actor-producer-director Kishore Sahu is presenting a lively romantic film, "SAWAN AYA RE", which will have its premiere at Krishna and Capitol.

The film deals with vernal romance, clean and fresh and flowerlike. To get an authentic background for the story, Kishore Sahu had the actual shootings in beautiful Nainital. Kishore Sahu portrays a painter, with his heart and soul in his art. One day a modern and sophisticated girl causes a stir in his heart and he is slowly drawn to her. The girl is not inclined to marry him. This leads to a lot of heartburning and situations surcharged with tragedy and drama.

Ramola plays the role of the ultra-modern girl. The supporting cast includes David, Sofia, Mohana, Ramesh Gupta, Gulab and Pratima Devi. The music is by Khemchand Prakash.

"APNA DESH"

At The New West End

Rajkamal's "APNA DESH", directed by V. Shantaram, continues to draw good crowds at New West End. For five weeks now, Bombaymen have been thronging to the theatre to see this excellent film which appears to have created as much stir as Shantaram's "Admi" and "Shakuntala".

The theme of the film is novel and unfamiliar—it deals with hard facts: the basic economics reality and the degradation of the middle and upper classes. It is in tackling this serious subject that Shantaram has displayed all his versatility and brilliance. As a director he reveals himself as a keen observer of life and enlives the picture with a sort of running commentary on human foibles by his subtle touches. Along with Shantaram, Dewan Sharar, K. Date, Pushpa Hans and others share the credit for this thoroughly enjoyable film.

Charity Show Of "Grihasti"

The proprietors of Lamington Talkies, Liberty Pictures and Aina Pictures have decided to donate the entire proceeds of the 6-15 p.m. show of "GRIHASTI" on Sunday, May 8, to the Gujerat Famine Relief Fund. Mr. B. G. Kher will be present.

PALACE

Daily at 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 P.M.

The Adventures of a Galley Slave, who Rose to Rule the Seven Seas!

"THE SEA HAWK"

ERROL FLYNN, CLAUDE RAINS
BRENDA MARSHALL, ALAN HALE

Tomorrow Morning at 10-30 A.M.
"PRISONER OF ZENDA"
Ronald Colman, Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

"The Northern Lights Of Bombay"

AURORA

Daily at 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 P.M.
Revealing New Daring Romantic Adventures of Robin Hood!
JON HALL & PATRICIA MORISON in
ALEXANDRE DUMAS PROUD PRESENTATION
THE PRINCE OF THIEVES

Tomorrow Morning at 10-30 A.M.
PAUL MUNI IN THE
THE LIFE OF EMILE ZOLA

Kishore Sahu and Ramola in Hindustan Chitra's "Sawan Aya Re", coming at Krishna and Capitol next Friday.

"MERI KAHANI"

At Super

Packed with thrills, MERI KAHANI, Super Team Federal Productions' major fare, is running at Super for the third week. The film unfolds the tale of a woman who falls victim to the peculiar ideas of decorum and manners of society. Malati was brought up in a village and she was a simple, unsophisticated soul. She married Vinod of high society. Her simple soul then found it difficult to move with the high-pressure methods of society. Her bewilderment was construed as indifference and she was forced to leave her hearth and home and her child. Finally, a queer set of circumstances brought the family together.

Director Keki Mistry has made a good job of the film. Munawar Sultana gives an inspiring performance as Malati. Other fine performances are given by Surendra, Sanobar, Pratima Devi, Leila Kumari and Ramesh Sinha. Music by K. Datta is lilting and already two songs have become hits.

"ZIDDI"

At The Roxy

Bombay Talkies latest picture "ZIDDI" is having crowded houses for every show at the Roxy. Written by the famous novelist, Ismat Chugtai and directed by her husband Shaid Lateef, the story unfolds a modern youth who fights for a brave new world against the old order of things. Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Nawab and Pratima Devi have given creditable performances. The music was in charge of Khemchand Prakash and the dance sequences of Prem Dhavan.

Indu and Kamini Kaushal in "Ziddi" now running at Roxy.

"LACHHI" (In Punjabi)

Manorama, Wasti, Randhir, Manju, Cuckoo and Om Prakash—all famed stars of Hindi films—are coming to the Roxy next week in a Punjabi picture entitled "LACHHI". Produced by Kuldip Pictures and presented by Kuldip Sehgal, this film was directed with music by Hansraj Bahal and produced by Lekhraj Bakhri Music and comedy are the hightlights of the film.

Manorama and Majnu in "Lachhi", a Punjabi film, coming to Roxy next week.

Four-Theatre Premiere Of "Lahore"

Jaimani Dewan's "LAHORE" had its premiere in Bombay yesterday at four theatres—Excelsior, Minerva, Kismet and Rivoli. The picture is significant in so far as it presents a moving love story embellished with good songs, humour and wholesome entertainment and in addition it tackles a problem which so far film producers have been shy of: the problem of abdcted women.

The theme has been handled sympathetically and subtly, with a Gandhian approach. A romantic story of familiar pattern with which the film opens serves merely as the fabric for the larger panorama of riots and the partition of the country with the consequence of millions of people being displaced. The film depicts without malice heart-rending scenes of cruelty and at the same time extols the efforts of brave individuals who rise above hate and succeed in uniting the lovers of the story.

Kudos for the film go to Jaimani Dewan, producer, who also wrote the story, music director Shyam Sunder, script and song writer Rajendra Krishna, Director M. L. Anand and stars Nargis and Karan Dewan, with a supporting cast of Kuldip, Balakram, Om Prakash, Randhir, Gulab and Pratima Devi. The film promise to be a great success.

Nargis and Karan Dewan in Jaimani Dewan's "Lahore".

"Enchanted India"

FRENCH FILM SHOWN IN PARIS

PARIS, May 5 (PTI-Reuter): More than 1,000 people here saw the first performance in France of the coloured film "ENCHANTED INDIA" made by M. Francis Bawnel, former head of the French Information Mission to New Delhi.

Parisians especially appreciated the scenes in Kashmir, the Himalayas, Nepal, New Delhi and the temples of South India.

Dr. P. P. Pillai, Indian Charge d' Affaires, who presided, was accompanied by M. Robert Lacoste, French Minister for Industry and Commerce, M. Charles Petit, French Minister for Reconstruction, and members of the diplomatic corps.

The film is to be shown in leading French provincial towns as well as in Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Italy.

"DIL-KI-DUNIYA"

At Kamal

Mazhar Khan, the popular character actor, is back to the screen in Noble Art's maiden creation "DIL-KI-DUNIYA" which will be screened at Kamal Talkies from next Saturday. Co-starred in the principal roles are Gita Bali and Munawar Sultana, with Suman and Jaswant rendering able help. Music by Pandit Gobindram and delightful dances by Gita Bali highlight the picture. The story is based on the heart aches of a musician whose chief interest in life is the affection of a daughter.

"ROSHNI"

At Novelty & Neptune

Rehana appears in a musical romance "ROSHNI", a Standard Pictures Corporation Picture scheduled for release next Friday at Novelty and Neptune. "ROSHNI" sees Rehana in a role that suits her charm and personality. The late V. H. Desai appears in this, his last film. Munitaz Ali and Sofia have also interesting roles. "ROSHNI" was written by Santoshi. The music is by C. Ramchandra.

"Mohini" Booked For Nishat

Mahendra Pictures' "MOHINI" will be released at Nishat on Friday, May 13. It is the tale of a woman who had none to guide her and thus took life easy. Directors Mahendra Gill and Niranjan have made a good job of direction. Pran, Mahapara, Chand and Niranjan acquit themselves well.

Film On Prohibition

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, will preside over the muhurt ceremony of the film "SANJEEVAN"—a picture on prohibition to be produced by Kala Chitra, at 6-15 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, at M. and T. Films Studios on Kurla Radio, Andheri.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL, MAJESTIC, SURYA,

RADHESHYAM, (Vile Parle):
"CHOUBEJI" starring Dixit, Gope, Radhakrishen, Balwant Singh, Nirupa Roy, Manilal, Navin Yagnik, Prabhudayal, Kumkum, Gulab, Bhudo Advani and Cuckoo.

EXCELSIOR, MINERVA, RIVOLI, JAI HIND, KISMET:
"LAHORE" starring Nargis, Karan Dewan, Kuldip, Pratima Devi, Gulab, Randhir, Balakram, Urvashi and Om Prakash.

LIBERTY:
"ANDAZ" starring Nargis, Dilip Kumar, Cuckoo, V. H. Desai and Raj Kapur.

SWASTIK, KOHINOOR:
"MEETH BHAKAR" starring Vithal, Chandrakant, Sulochana Powar, Anjani, Jaishankar, Bakre and Saroj.

KAMAL, HIND MATA:
"BAZAR" starring Nigar, Shyam, Gope and Yakub.

NOVELTY:
"ACTRESS" starring Rehana, Prem Adib, Meena, David and Misra.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, LIDO CINEMA (Santa Cruz):
"CHANDRALEKHA" starring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sundari Bai and Yashodhara Katju.

MAJESTIC:
"SAKHARPUDA" starring Sumati Gupte, Damuanna Malvankar and Baburao Pendharkar.

SUPER:
"MERI KAHANI" starring Surendra, Munawar Sultana, Pratima Devi and Sanobar.

CENTRAL:
"VARASDAR" (Gujerati comedy) starring Ralini Jaiwant and Harsik.

IMPERIAL:
"BARI BEHEN" starring Suraiya, Rehman Ulhas, Pran and Geeta Bali.

CITY LIGHT (Matunga B.B.):
"ANJANGARH" starring Sunanda, Rama Nehru and Bipin.

ROXY:
"ZIDDI" starring Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Kuldip, Pratima Devi, Indu, Pran, Monsin and Nawab.

NEW WEST END:
"APNA DESH" starring Pushpa Hans, Umesh Sharma, Manmohan, K. Date and Sudha Apte.

CHITRA:
"JUGNU" starring Noorjehan, Dilip Kumar, Shashikala and Cuckoo.

KRISHNA, (Girgaon), PLAZA (Dadar):
"MORUCHI MAVSHI" (Moru's Aunt) starring Vanmala, Durga Khote, Damuanna Malwankar and Acharya Atre.

STRAND:
SUNDAY, May 8: Morning 10-30 "NAJMA" starring Ashok Kumar, Sitara and Yakub.

BROADWAY (Dadar):
"MERA SOHAG" starring Kamala Kotnis, Arun and Sulochana Chatterjee.

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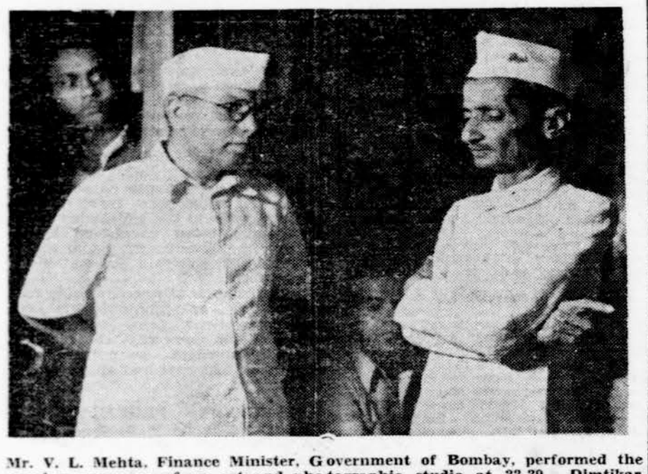

Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, performed the opening ceremony of an art and photographic studio at 33-39 Dimtikar Street, Byculla, last Friday. The studio is named after Naseem, the eldest son of the late Mr. S. A. Brelvi, who was an intimate and lifelong friend of Mr. V. L. Mehta. This photograph of Mr. Mehta, along with Mr. Abidalli Jafferbhoy, another friend of Mr. Brelvi, was taken on the occasion of the opening of the Naseem Art studio which specialises in enlargements and photo sets useful for film companiesand independent producers. .. ..

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AMARNATH PROMISES REPLY TO CHARGES

"I Am Not Going To Take The Challenge Lying Down"—Says India's Former Captain

NEW DELHI, MAY 6 (A.P.I.): LALA AMARNATH, INDIA'S FORMER TEST CAPTAIN, SAID HERE TODAY THAT HE WAS GLAD MR. A. S. DE MELLO AT LONG LAST HAD COME OUT WITH A CHARGE SHEET "AGAINST ME AT MY INSTANCE".

He added: "I have seen only the press report and have not yet received any direct communication from the Board. It may have been sent to my address at Patiala. I do not want to make any hasty comments on the charges. I shall make a detailed reply in a fortnight, about May Twenty.

"I am not going to take the challenge of the President of the Board lying down," said Lala Amarnath. The country will soon know the other side of the picture and will then be in a position to judge and decide as to whether the charges framed against me are correct", he said.

Lala Amarnath is leaving for Patiala tonight.

THAT 'NATIONAL HERALD' INTERVIEW

Part of the "charge-sheet" presented by Mr. A. S. DeMello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, on Thursday in Bombay, is reproduced below. It deals with an interview alleged to have been granted by Amarnath to the representative of the Lucknow newspaper, "The National Herald" and printed in that newspaper. To assess the entire situation, especially in view of the promise made by the Lala to reveal his side of the story in a fortnight's time, it is necessary to study details of the Lucknow interview.

PARTY POLITICS TO THE FORE AGAIN IN CRICKET BOARD

Wrangling Already Over Choice Of Next Year's Captain

(From Our Sports Correspondent)

LUCKNOW, Friday.— How a petty quarrel that ensued in the heat of the moment is likely to shatter the harmony of Indian Cricket was revealed to me By Amarnath, India's Test skipper against Australia and West Indies, yesterday at Cawnpore.

Amarnath, who has been convalescing for over a month after an operation of the left foot, which was injured on the eve of the second Test at Bombay, was a pathetic sight when from his sick bed he narrated the sad tale of petty jealousies and party politics in the Board of Control for Cricket. "The Board has been doing enough harm by its inconsistent policies, but what is worse, now that India with very great difficulty, has achieved some sort of unity and played against Australia and West Indies like a team, some of the most important officials, just for the sake of their personal interests, are again busy creating disunity," he said.

"I got an inkling of what is going to happen," Amarnath continued, "when, after being injured in net practicla day before the second Test at Bombay, Mr. A. S. De Mello entered my room on the eve of the Test and started a quarrel on the pretext of not having been informed about the injury in time. All my explanations that I had immediately contacted the India team's manager and that the gentleman had brought a doctor whose medicine I was taking, fell on deaf ears. Hot words followed and that, too, before the entire India team."

MATCH-SAVING INNINGS

"I was disgusted but there was no alternative for me to keep quiet," Amarnath said. "I improved in course of time and in the second innings of the Test I played a strenuous innings to save India from a defeat. Since then De Mello and I are not on good terms. But I have come to know what is happening behind the scenes..." Amarnath did not complete the sentence.

Pressed to explain what he meant, Amarnath reluctantly stated: "Don't you see the press propaganda — a section of press of course — against me, vilifying me for losing the toss on every occasion. Besides, efforts are being made to replace me as a captain against the coming Commonwealth cricket tour."

I don't mind playing under any captain provided it will help our cricket but I have got a right to protest against the back door policy," he asserted.

"Are you sure they are going to appoint another captain", I asked.

"Yes," he replied, and added: "Already there are three names. K. C. Ibrahim's claim will probably be pressed by Bombay and V. S. Hazare will most assuredly be the candidate of Mr. De Mello. The third name in the air is that of P. E. Palia. And Mr. De Mello shall have to decide between Palia and Hazare and his final support will go to the man who will command most of this votes. All this is very interesting as well as intriguing".

To a question as to when the board would announce the captain, Amarnath said that most probably it would be in August "and that is why canvassing has started in right earnest". I don't know the exact position, Amarnath added, "but I can assure you that this time there is going to be a tough fight for the presidentship of the Board as both Mr. Mukherji of West Bengal and Lt.-Col. C. K. Nayudu will be the candidates. And if West Bengal joins hands with Holkar, Mr. De Mello seems to be doomed".

"Why is, after all, Mr. De Mello's name associated with all such sinister moves", I asked.

With a contemptuous smile, Amarnath replied: "Go and get the reply of your question from C. K. Pataudi and Deodhar. They might tell you how and why they had been systematically ousted from the board."

Indian Contingent For World Physical Culture Congress

AMRAOTI, May 6 (A.P.I.): A team of 35 Indian athletes — 25 men and ten women — will leave Bombay by the S. S. Jal Jawahar on June 13 to take part in the World Physical Culture Congress and the Lingiad Festival in Stockholm (Sweden) to give demonstrations in Indian physical culture in several continental cities.

The Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal, a physical culture institute of Amraoti, has organised this team on a special invitation of the Lingiad Festival Organising Committee. The team of Indian athletes drawn from different provinces, are now undergoing special and intensive training at Amraoti.

Demonstrations of Indian physical culture to be given at the Stockholm Festival and in some cities of Germany, Holland, Denmark, France, Switzerland and Italy include wrestling, mallakhamb, cane-mallakhamb and combat with lathis, daggers, swords and spears.

COUNTY CRICKET IN ENGLAND

LONDON, May 6 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Following are the results of today's cricket matches:

At Taunton: Northamptonshire beat Somerset by two wickets.

Northamptonshire 400 and 64 for eight (Buse right-arm medium 7 for 26).

Somerset 214 and 249.

At Cambridge: Sussex beat Cambridge University by seven wickets.

Camebridge University 248 and 153 (James Langridge, leftarm slow, 4 for 29).

Sussex 232 and 170 for three (Langridge not out 115).

Allen Stack Shatters Another World Record

NEW HAVEN, (Connecticut), May 6 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Allen Stack of Yale, winner of the Olympic 100 Metres Backstroke event, clipped half a second from the world and American record for the 150 yards Backstroke when he covered the distance in one minute 29.9 seconds here.

Stack was swimming in a time trial sanctioned by the Connecticut Amateur Athletic Union.

On Wednesday he lowered the world 200 Metres Backstroke record by four-fifths of a second to two minutes 18.5 seconds.

The world and American 150 yards Backstroke records were set-up by Adolph Kiefer of Chicago in 1941, when he swam the distance in one minute 30.4 seconds at Honolulu.

RAIN POSTPONES PLAY IN CALCUTTA SOCCER

CALCUTTA, May 6 (A.P.I.): All matches fixed for today in the First Division of the Calcutta Football League had to be postponed owing to rain.

HOCKEY INCLUDED IN 1952 GAMES

NEW DELHI, May 5 (API).— Hockey has been included in the International Olympic Games programme for 1952, according to a message received here tonight.

The message states that the Maharaja of Patiala, President of the Indian Olympic Association has received a telegram to this effect from the President of the International Olympic Games, Helsinki.

Bombay Amateurs Enter Final

EASY WIN IN REPLAYED NADKARNI FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

BOMBAY, Friday.

Bombay Amateurs turned the tables on General Motors in the replayed match in the Nadkarni Cup Semi-finals at the Cooperage this evening. This was the replay of the Semi-finals which General Motors won by two goals to one, but Bombay Amateurs lodged a protest against the referee playing short time and a replay was order as a result.

This evening Bombay Amateurs completely overwhelmed their opponents General Motors and won by four clear goals. The Motormen were unable to do anything against the powerful onthrust that was maintained by the Amateurs and it was due to some splendid goalkeeping by the Motormen's custodian, Sunder, who saved repeatedly and the goals that beat him were absolutely from shots that would be difficult for any goalie.

The Amateurs opened their account through Survana and then it was Roy their centre forward who proved to be a great opportunist and registered his sides second goal. This lead was maintained up to the first-half.

In the succeeding period of play there was the same pressure maintained by the Amateurs and, a one side match was witnessed. Roy added two more goals and performed the hattrick. Bombay Amateurs had the honour now of meeting Burmah-Shell in the final.

HARWOOD LEAGUE AT PAREL

Railway Ground Match Abandoned Due To Accident

BOMBAY, Friday.

An unfortunate accident prevented play at the G. I. P. Railway Ground, Parel. The Railway authorities were trying out a steam-roller on their sports ground, when suddenly a child came under it and was killed instantaneously.

The sight of the accident being unbearable no game was played and the match scheduled for the day was abandoned and will be played at a later date.

On the St. Xavier's College Ground three matches were decided in the Junior Division of the Harwood League.

The following were the results:—

Second Division:— Indian Cultural League 3. (Rane 2, Vaigankar). Valkart Bros. S. C. 1. (B. Fernandes).

Third Division:— Elphinstone Mills 2. (Balaram, Lawrence); May and Baker Recreation Club (B. C. D'Souza). Rainbow S. C. "C" 3, Bombay Gas Co., S. C. 2.

HAYES CUP HOCKEY FOR WOMEN

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Hayes Cup Hockey Tournament for Women run on a knock out basis is being held this year on the Association Ground, and has attracted five teams only. Notable absentees is the popular Bombay City "A" and "B" teams.

The following is the draw:—

Bombay Greys "A" (Bye); Panchgani Pansies vs. Grey's "C".

Bombay Greys "B" vs. Lusitanians.

The tournament commences on Monday, 9th May and all games will start at 5-45 p.m. The first match between Panchgani Pansies and Bombay Grey's "C" will be played on Monday at 5-45 p.m.

SANYAL'S NARROW WIN IN SNOOKER

Vassanji Beats Merchant In W. I. Billiards

BOMBAY, Friday.

In the Western India Billiards Tournament being played at the Islam Gymkhana this evening R. K. Vasanji beat V. R. Merchant by 459 points to 379. Merchant put in a good break of 41, but his opponent had established a fairly good lead at the end of the first hours play, the score being 274-195. Vasanji record a break of 34.

In the Snooker match played latter in the evening, S. N. Sanyal beat Mansoor Laljee in straight frames of 58-42, 43-38. It was a close fought battle in which the experienced Sanyal prevailed.

Germany And Japan And Tennis Reaffiliation

IF SUCCESSFUL WILL PLAY IN 1950

LONDON, May 6 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Application has been made by Germany and Japan for reaffiliation to the International Lawn Tennis Federation, it was learned here today. The Federation is meeting in Paris in July, when the matter will be considered. If the applications are successful, Germans and Japanese will be eligible to participate in the 1950 Wimbledon Championships.

ELEVEN WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

Mel Patton's 9.3 Secs. For 100 Yards Included

LONDON, May 5 (PTI-Reuter).— Ratification of eleven track and field world records were announced here today by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

All made in 1948, the records are as follows:

MEN'S TRACK EVENTS

100 YARDS—Time 9.3 seconds, made by Mel Patton (United States) on May 15 at Fresno, United States.

100 METRES—10.2 seconds by Lloyd La Beach of Panama on May 15 at Fresno United States.

440 YARDS—46.0 seconds by Herb Mckenley of Jamaica on June 5 at Berkeley, United States

15 MILES—147 minutes 28.6 seconds by M. Hietanen of Finland on May 23 at Gamlakarleby, Finland

1,000 METRES—2 minutes 21.4 seconds, by Marcel Hansenne (France) on August 27 at Gothenburg, Sweden.

25,000 METRES—1 hour 20 minutes 14 seconds by M. Hietanen (Finland) on May 23 at Gamlakarleby, Finland.

120 YARDS HURDLES—13.6 seconds by Harrison Dillard (United States) on April 17 at Kansas, United States.

MEN'S FIELD EVENTS:

PUTTING THE SHOT—17.68 metres (58ft. 0-3/8th inches) by Charles Fonville (United States) on April 17 at Kansas, United States.

WOMEN'S FIELD EVENTS:

THROWING THE JAVELINE—48.63 metres (159 ft. 5-1/2 inches) by H. Bauma (Austria) on September 12 at Vienna, Austria.

PUTTING THE SHOT—14.59 metres (47 ft. 10-1/2 inches) by T. Sevrukova (Soviet Union) on August 4 at Moscow.

THROWING THE DISCUS—53.25 metres (174 ft. 8-1/2 inches) by N. Dumbadze (Soviet Union) on August 8 at Moscow.

Denis Compton Injured

LONDON, May 5, (PTI-Reuter): Denis Compton, the England batsman, may be compelled to stand down from the Middlesex team for their first championship match of the season against Nottinghamshire starting at Lords on Saturday. Three times when batting for the M.C.C. against Surrey at Lords to-day he was struck on the hand, making it difficult for him to hold his bat. He was out for 26.

Another England player, Bill Edrich, gave a fine batting performance for the M.C.C. He took out his bat for 95 scored out of his side's total of 179 and hit seven fours in his innings which lasted three and three-quarter of an hour.

Both sides had to fight hard for runs on a pitch made awkward by rain and at the close Surrey were 241 runs ahead with four wickets to fall.

New Zealanders Win One-Day Fixture

LONDON, May 5. (PTI-Reuter): The New Zealand touring team to-day beat the Maori Club by 96 runs in a one day 12-a-side match at Worcester Park, Surrey. The tourists scored 159 for six wickets declared and then skittled out the Maori Club for 63.

J. Martin, the Kent and England fast bowler, was in good form for the Maori Club, claiming four wickets for 43.

Sutcliffe, the New Zealand opening bat, started with three boundaries off Martin but after his dismissal for 27 Martin worried all batsmen with deliveries which rose quickly off the pitch.

The Maori Club could do little against fast bowlers Cowie and Hayes and at tea six wickets were down for only 12 runs, two more wickets fell for the addition of three runs but then Martin showed the bowling could be hit, racing to 40 in 30 minutes.

FAULKNER LEADS COMFORTABLY

Dunlop Golf Tourney

VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY, May 5, (PTI-Reuter): British Ryder Cup player Max Faulkner went closer to winning the first prize of £350 in the 2,000 Guineas Dunlop professional golf tournament here today when he achieved a splendid 72 on the third round.

His 54 holes aggregate of 213 gave him a three stroke lead over his nearest rival and fellow British international Arthur Lees who returned a 73 for 216, the remaining players trailing behind a further three strokes or more.

Tomorrow's fourth and final round would thus appear to be a battle between these two players. Faulkner won this event in 1946.

Derby Second Favourite Wins Season's First Race

CHESTER, May 6 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Derby's three-year-old colt Swallow Tail, second favourite for the Epsom Derby, had his first outing of the season here this afternoon in the one mile five furlongs Chester Vase. Starting at five to two on and ridden by Douglas Smith, Swallow Tail took the lead about four furlongs from home and won very easily by six lengths from the Aga Khan's Moondust (six to one), with Lord Roseberry's Forethought (five to one) Another five lengths away third of four runners.

Although the opposition today was not strong, Swallow Tail's victory was handsomely gained and jockey Douglas Smith did not allow him to dawdle once he had struck the front. Smith continued to hardride with until the winning post was passed.

DAVIS CUP AND EUROPEAN ZONE

Relief Proposals Outlined

LONDON, May 5 (PTI-Reuter): Proposals made by the reorganisation commission for relieving congestion in the European Zone of the Davis Cup competition have been outlined by M. Charles Barde, Swiss President of the Commission

These proposals are to be submitted to the annual general meeting of the Davis Cup nations in London on June 30

Writing in the official journal of the Swiss Tennis Association, M. Barde lists the suggestions as follows: (1) The number of participating nations in the European Zone should be fixed at 24, including 20 European and four from overseas. (2) A committee of three should be appointed annually to rank the European countries, with the first twenty to take part in the competitions. The four non-European competitors should be chosen by the nation holding the Cup.

(3) The eight quarter finalists of the previous year should head the list and should each have a bye into the second round. If one of these eight does not challenge then the next nation in the rankings should receive the bye. (4) Sixteen nations should make up the first round, with one of the non-European nations competing in each quarter. The eight winners should then be paired against the nations which received first round byes. Choice of venue in the second round should in each case rest with the country which played in the first round. M. Barde said that a simple solution to the present congestion would be to reserve the European Zone for European nations only, but the Commission believed there was a certain interest in maintaining the direct contact between overseas and European countries.

ADVANTAGES

Main advantages of the new proposals, it was stated, are twofold: firstly, the eight best countries would have one round less to play and secondly the first round winners would be certain of having interesting opponents, and the opportunity to win exemption from the following year's first round.

It was stressed that nations failing to qualify for the European Zone would still be eligible for the North American zone.

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G. I. P. Railway Ground, Parel

3-40 p.m. Bombay Stars vs. B. B. and C. I. Railway "B".

4-45 p.m. Young Labour vs. K. P. C. A.

5-45 p.m. Blue Wizards vs. Colaba New Stars (II Div. Harwood League).

BILLIARDS

Islam Gymkhana

6 to 8 p.m. I. M. Dalal vs. A. C. Wadia (W. I. Billiards).

9 p.m. W. Long vs. A. Pinto Phillips (W. I. Snooker).

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What is past history is past. But the future will be even more interesting and worth watching.
—LIN YUTANG.

THE FIGHT FOR FOOD

The Bombay Prime Minister has called for an all-out battle on the food front. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, as Mr. Kher observes, had in all seriousness set 1951 as the end of food imports. "After the end of 1951 no foodgrains would be allowed to be imported into the country". It is to this fixed fact in the food situation that Mr. Kher asked his public to adjust themselves. There have been doubts expressed at the feasibility of attaining self-sufficiency by the end of 1951 but at the moment they are of no great consequence and should not divert attention from the effort that is needed. Mr. Kher did not mince matters. "The food crisis, if not tided over successfully, must inevitably result in widespread suffering of millions of our countrymen and it may not only stop the onward march of progress but, perhaps, even endanger our very existence as a free country. The stability of our Province and, indeed, of our country depends upon our ability to drive away the enemy, Hunger and Starvation, from our midst". Mr. Kher's solution was simple. "If you and I did our bit, we shall be free from the danger of hunger at no distant future". Mr. Kher did not stop here; he explained in simple language what everyone could do. He promised the co-operation of Government to farmers and workers in the advancing of the More Production drive. With characteristic candour, Mr. Kher admitted that unless the cultivators gird their loins and set to work the schemes in right earnest, the Government's Grow More Food schemes will just remain paper schemes. It has been asserted in some quarters that Provincial representatives at the recent central food conference hesitated to recommend reduced prices for food grains because of fears of an adverse farmers' vote at the next adult suffrage election. This is maliciously far-fetched. Why should one go so far to search a reason when there is an obvious one close at hand? Unless the prices are attractive, there can be no enthusiasm for cultivators to throw into the Grow More Food schemes.

Mr. Kher remarked that no one was more conscious than he of the shortage of material which faced the cultivator. But, he added, "we must not sit with folded hands". There is one thing which he did not say because it would come ill from the head of the Government in the province. But that is no reason why it should stay unsaid. A State-aided agriculture is not a healthy agriculture. It has to learn to stand on its own legs. The Grow More Food schemes are so many opportunities offered to the cultivator which, in any developed agricultural community, would have been eagerly availed of without any further appeals and coaxing. But the mentality behind not only the agricultural but the entire population of India may be guaged from the manner in which Indians tend to regard the lakhs spent on Grow More Food measures as a "waste" while swallowing without too heavy a murmur the crore spent on importing foodgrains. Former confers lasting benefit on the country and circulates among the people, whilst the latter is just so much money drained out of India, swelling our imports and eating into our foreign exchange supply. The yields in India, said Mr. Kher, are proverbially low; "our cultivators know the art of agriculture as well as any cultivator in the world". That for all this we should have to strain every nerve to attain a mere increase of ten per cent in food production is not a compliment to us by any means. It should not be a task but an opportunity and the country should rise to the occasion as one man. The Provincial Government which is directly concerned with the effort, has endeavoured to place itself in living contact by means of district and village committees. Now that the promise of treating the food position as a wartime emergency is being implemented by the State, the response will not be lacking.

Trade Union Unity

Presiding over the second annual conference of the Indian National Trade Union Congress at Indore on Friday, Mr. Hariharnath Shastri, reviewed the progress of the Congress during the two years of its existence and the present position of labour organisation in general. The I.N.T.U.C., though it had to fight against the odds which every new Central Trade Union has to face, has steadily increased its strength and influence and now has a membership of 12 lakhs and 800 unions. Its position is claimed to be "unrivalled in jute, cotton textiles, iron and steel, engineering, ordnance, plantation and sugar industries". But Mr. Shastri admits: "We are still weak in communication, post and telegraphs, though we have for some time made a successful start. In docks we cannot claim that unrivalled position which we have acquired in various other industries, though some very important and powerful unions both in Calcutta and Bombay have joined us. The situation in railways is in a fluid state". On the whole, says Mr. Shastri, "in practically all parts of the country the branches of the I.N.T.U.C. are properly functioning". It is generally acknowledged that the I.N.T.U.C. has been mainly responsible in preventing the industrial truce resolution from becoming a dead letter.

The chief hindrance to a more rapid progress of the I.N.T.U.C. or of the trade union movement in the country is the tendency among many politicians to exploit the discontent among poor people generally caused by the under-production of the necessaries of life and inflation. The cost of living has soared abnormally high but wages have failed to keep pace with the rising cost. Misguided labour leaders are striving to use the workers' discontent to serve their own political ends. Nor is the position improved by some of the Congress workers viewing Labour's plight somewhat complacently lest agitation for the redress of their wrongs should embarass Congress Government. The old All-India Trade Union Congress, which for several years was non-political and, therefore, a common labour platform for all political parties, came to be more and more dominated by the Communists, most of whom have been unscrupulous in aggravating workers' discontent and indulging in violence. That was the main reason for the formation of the I.N.T.U.C. The widening rift between the Congress and the Socialist Party led to the formation by the latter of another central union, the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, in which the unions of the Indian Federation of Labour have joined. And only a few days ago the United Trades Union Congress was formed at Calcutta under the auspices of the Leftists outside the Communists and the Socialist Party. The many central unions are ill-calculated to promote trade union unity but perhaps they are unavoidable in the early years of Indian independence.

The I.N.T.U.C. enjoys the support of Congress Government and several Congress leaders. But that will not by itself add much to its popularity. Even now it is distrusted by many labour leaders as being unduly dominated by Congress. I.N.T.U.C. leaders should work fearlessly and impartially in promoting the interests of Labour, which includes the duty of opposing indiscriminate strikes. On no account should they shirk their responsibility in order to support a Congress decision which they believe to be wrong. It is also in the interest of the Congress to strive ceaselessly, or rather to continue to strive ceaselessly, to protect Labour interests, which often go under in industrial disputes unless they are impartially supported by Government and Labour leaders. Mr. Shastri said that the secret of the success achieved by the I.N.T.U.C. during the last two years lay in those golden means gifted to the people of this country "by Mahatma Gandhi—truth and non-violence. That goes without saying but mere slogans, however righteous, will not serve the interests of Labour or of the nation in general. Wise programmes, wise in every detail, are indispensable. And the Congress Government and the I.N.T.U.C. may well co-operate incessantly in devising and working out such programmes. That will also help much in promoting trade union unity.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Five of the women were permitted to seek an interview with the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, who, however, stated that the interview would be conditional upon the women ending the commotion They descended the stairs and asked for quiet, but in vain. A police officer then attempted to arrest one of the women leaders. She resisted, striking the officer. Some of her companions joined her in the assault.

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—From the report of Thurday's incident at the Secretariat.

Speaking at a Press Conference in Berne, India's Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, declared: "control of Asia by Europe has practically ceased and will completely end..... "

This is a challenge to Western European Imperialism, which simply cannot be ignored We expect immediate reaction by the Dutch, French, Portuguese and the British.

Then the Prime Minister went further and said: "I have little doubt that Africa will also affect world affairs very greatly."

It already is. Christian European civilisation is in danger and Christendom is being awakened betimes by its Malans, Louws, etc.

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An Indian Defence Ministry spokesman has revealed that "Pakistan has delivered hardly 10 per cent of the military stores due to India after partition, whereas India has already supplied not less than 50 per cent of Pakistan's share of the stores."

Well, that's just the right proportion. If you have any doubts you can refer to the Security Council and it will internationally confirm it through a U.N. Commission.

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The Economic and Statistical Adviser of the Government states in a review that the cost of living in Indian cities remains appreciably higher than that of the cities in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Far Eastern countries.

Don't we know it? Oh, oh—don't we just 'know' it?

But it isn't cost of living. It's the high cost of starving in pigsties.

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According to a Chinese report, American arms, believed to be smuggled from Manilla, Philippines, are reaching both Communists and Nationalists in the South Chinese province of Fukien.

Quite right. Why not? After all, what else is the sacred freedom of the more sacred private enterprise for?

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WASHINGTON: The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today announced "imminent" American action about alleged violation by Hungary, Bulgaria, and Rumania of the Human Rights clauses in their 1945 peace treaties.

We are thrilled. By the way, how many word power of imminent action?

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Greek Communists are reported as having made peace proposals that the U.N. should appoint mediators for negotiations between the rebels and the Greek Government and that elections under supervision should be held after a 'cease-fire'.

If the Greek Communists think they can secure a—er—sympathetic U.N. Kashmir Commission for the job they are vastly mistaken. The position is entirely different.

COMMONWEALTH HAS A NEW IDEAL

Significance Of Prime Minister's Declaration

BY H. V. HODSON

WHEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND CEYLON GAINED THEIR FULL INDEPENDENCE IN 1947, THE NATURE OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CHANGED. PREVIOUSLY ALL ITS INDEPENDENT MEMBERS HAD BEEN NATIONS WHOLLY OR LARGELY OF BRITISH STOCK, BOUND BY BLOOD AND COMMON HISTORY AS WELL AS BY CONSTITUTIONAL TIES. NOW THE COMMONWEALTH WAS TO INCLUDE COUNTRIES OF A DIFFERENT RACE, A DIFFERENT HISTORY AND A TOTALLY DIFFERENT OUTLOOK ON THE BRITISH CONNECTION.

Many people in Britain and the old Dominions thought that this combination could not possibly last, and many hankered to get back to the old-class family group bound by an innate loyalty to the British Crown. But this was not a general or a lasting attitude. The new ideal of the Commonwealth was after all a grand one; an intimate, united, yet worldwide group of nations of various races, closing the gulf that threatened most dangerously to yawn between peoples of a different colour as the older Imperialism disappeared. What a gift it would be to the enemies of democracy and peace if the Commonwealth split up! In the new Asian Dominions, the disadvantages of cutting adrift seemed more formidable the closer they were looked at.

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Change Unavoidable

From many points of view the best course, had it been possible, would have been to leave matters as they were. The constitutional links of the Commonwealth, bound up with the idea of allegiance to the Crown, might be distasteful to the sentiment of peoples who had struggled painfully to be rid of British rule, but in practice they left national sovereignty and independence unaffected.

Whatever was out of date about them might have been left to disappear in the course of time, like dead wood from a growing tree. But India was too far committed to a Republican form of Government to turn back even if she had wished. Nor need we regret that the issue was thus forced. Sooner or later some change in form would have proved necessary to match the altered form of the Commonwealth, and it is well that the problem of making it should have been faced now before goodwill had been eaten away by misunderstanding or political agitation.

Nevertheless it was a hard problem For although the mere fact of its having a President instead of a Governor-General as its formal head would not seem to disqualify a country from continuing to belong to a group of equal sovereign States, the more the problem was looked at, the more important the common Crown seemed to be the very nature of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth is not an alliance: it is not an external association at all but an organic unity. Its essence is that its member nations and peoples are not foreign to each other but in all kinds of affairs have relations among themselves different in quality from their relations with foreigners and foreign countries. This essential character of "unforeignness" was tied up with the existence and free acceptance of a common monarchy. Thus all the citizens of Commonwealth countries were subjects of the same kind.

Important Question

The monarch has no powers independent of the free Governments by whom he is advised. But the very fact that those Governments are completely separate underlines the importance of the Crown as a unifying link. Hence the question of having a Republic in the Commonwealth was more than a mere juggle with formulae. It involved the question: Did the Republic, like the rest, continue to seek and accept the organic unity of the whole association, and was it ready to symbolise that fact in an appropriate relationship with the Crown?

INDIA, THROUGH HER REMARKABLE PRIME MINISTER, PANDIT NEHRU, ANSWERED: "YES". AND SO THE SOLUTION TO THE CONUNDRUM HAS BEEN FOUND. THE DECLARATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, OBSERVE, DOES NOT SAY: "WE HAVE PERSUADED INDIA TO ACCEPT A FORMULA WHICH WILL ENABLE HER TO STAY IN THE COMMONWEALTH IF SHE PLEASES".

On the contrary, it says in effect: "India herself spontaneously wants to remain a full member and accepts the King as a symbol of this free association, and as such the head of the Commonwealth; and the rest of us agree that accordingly she remains an equal member with ourselves".

Inspiration For World

The declaration clearly affirms that this makes no difference to the relationship of the other members to the Commonwealth and the Crown. No doubt they could, if they so choose, later follow India's example. But in the meantime for them the nexus remains: allegiance to the Crown as the head of their own States as well as the head of the Commonwealth.

That it should have explained from a liberalised British Empire to a free association of nations of a different race and history is a matter for pride among ourselves, and an inspiration for the world.

Some may feel that the price paid in risking our cohesion and solidarity is perilously high. Only time can tell what the eventual outcome of the latest constitutional change may be. It is as yet only a form of words, the undertaking of an experiment, an act of faith.

Willing Partners

BUT FOR MY PART I WOULD FAR PREFER A COMMONWEALTH OF WILLING PARTNERS, EAGER TO MAKE THE MOST OF AN ASSOCIATION THAT THEY HAVE VOLUNTARILY ADAPTED AND ACCEPTED, TO ONE IN WHICH THE

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Public Holidays

The government have been very anxious to increase the production of our industries, the work in the offices and the education of the children in the school, but they have given little thought to the number of public holidays that the nation as a whole should observe. No progressive country in the world has such a large number of holidays as we have because every community is represented in these holidays in spite of the declared fact that ours is a secular state. This is a negation of the principle of secularity. One full day for rest every week is alright and then there should also be a few occasions for celebration of events of "national" importance, such as the Independence Day, Mahatmaji's Birthday, New Year's day, etc. In a secular state there can be no justification for incorporating every communal holiday as a nation-wide holiday. Birthdays and Anniversaries of greatmen are specially observed with the aim of refreshing our memory with the selfless service they rendered to the country and for instilling into us a fresh resolve to follow them in a similar spirit. The holiday allowed on such occasions should not be closed holiday and it should not be used for entertainments, shopping or sight-seeing.

During the second war, when the pressure of work was very great, the then government even set the hands of the clock back by an hour. They stopped all holidays including the Sunday. Workers could take sectional holidays according to their community. They had to work on holidays of other communities. All hands could not take off Sunday simultaneously, they enjoyed the weekly holiday in batches on different days of the week, so that the office could remain open all round the week. Is our national need any the less today, or that we lack in responsibility or patriotism. We have not shaken off our old slave mentality yet, and can do things only on the orders from above, rather than establish new and healthy conventions and attain higher targets in work ourselves. Our employees in the offices are ever anxious to do as litttle work as possible. Why does a shopkeeper not close his shop even for the midday lunch, because he knows that if he does so that will be his own loss. Cannot the same spirit enter all of us?

The need of the hour calls for more work and a uniformity in our lives all over the country.

No sound reason can be found for such long vacation in the schools and universities as cover almost a quarter of the year. We are the natural inhabitants of a warm country and we cannot get away from it—even if we do not attend our classes. Then why waste so much of valuable time, why not utilise it covering more of our courses in it and thus shorten the total period in education. If at all we must have vacations, their duration should not be longer than of 15 days at a time and they should come after each term more in coincidence with the change of seasons.

R. KIRPAL.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By "Citizen"

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN USUAL ATTENTION FROM THE CITY PRESS THIS WEEK. THERE HAS BEEN MORE FREQUENT COMMENT ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION, AND A NOTE OF GROWING DISSATISFACTION RUNS THROUGH THOSE COMMENTS. IT IS BUT NATURAL.

As this paper pointed out recently, the City Corporation provides the one popular forum where grievances of the citizens of the first city in the Union are voiced more often than it could be done in the provincial legislature which meets twice a year for a brief period. What is interesting to note is that, even in sections of the press which have not been kindly to the Opposition in the past, it has now been admitted that much of what the critics of the Municipal administration have been saying is healthy and constructive. If at the end of a year of the functioning of the new House, it is realised that a responsible Opposition is proving useful the city and all those interested in civic affairs should feel happy.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

An occasion for strong criticism of the Municipal affairs was the consideration of the Administration Report for the year 1947-48 submitted to the House by the Muncipal Commissioner. The delay in submitting the report was pointed out on the floor of the House and has been noticed by the press too, but what seems to have escaped notice is the fact that a report which was submitted four months after the statutory limit for doing so was passed, took as many months more to come up for discussion in the House. No doubt it figured almost a dozen time on the agenda but for one reason or another it could not be reached till this week. It is a sad commentary on the working of the House that a review of the annual administration should come up when another year has passed and yet another annual report should be under preparation and submitted to the House a few months hence.

HEAVY ARREARS

The delay is due to the manner in which the time table of the House is fixed and also to the way in which discussion at times goes on. The new Mayor is trying methods to clear up the piles of arrears and by calling extra meetings last week as well as this week he resurrected the old and almost forgotten monthly agendas of the last year. One such meeting was called at night but once again the attendance was very thin. Actually the proceedings could commence ten minutes after the scheduled time as the House had to wait to form the quorum. Evidently city fathers do not like to attend to civic affairs at night and such sessions have not been so far a success.

But merely calling more meetings does not necessarily mean finishing the business before the House. It is true that technically the agenda for a particular month may be finished, but this feat might have been achieved not by actually disposing of the items on the agenda but by merely transferring quite a number of them to the end of some other month's agenda. This is what happened at quite a few of these meetings. The House extends to such members as are not present the courtesy to transfer the items in their names to another month and full advantage is being taken of this courtesy. Incidentally, this reminds me of what Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, the Speaker of the Indian Parliament, told our city fathers when he was amongst them a few months back. Narrating his experiences when he became the president of Ahmedabad Municipality Mr. Mavlankar said that when he took charge of that office he expressed a desire to finish off the piled up work. The Head Clerk, who was helping him, bore with patience his efforts to do the job quickly, but after a few days he mustered courage and begged to point out to the new President a very simple way of cleaning his table and not to leave any thing unattended. The Head clerk said: "Sir, there is a very simple way of doing so, please transfer all the remaining items to the next month". Our city Corporation actually acts on this advice and nothing can prevent it from doing so, as long as the present rules of business and the method of its work continues.

LAPSES

The critics of the Administration report drew pointed attention to the extra water given to the Race Course and the richer classes for watering their gardens at a time when the

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Friendly Warning

What India's Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, said at his press conference at Berne was in the nature of a friendly warning addressed to Europe. And Europe, or rather Western Europe, the home of Imperialism, will do well to heed it urgently. "Control of Asia" he said, "has practically ceased and will completely end." This is obvious to those Europeans, who have sense and wisdom enough to see reality. But there are a good many who are wishfully blind, who have thanks to the temptation to cling to exploiting domination of Asian territories, acquired the confidence and the conduct of the ostrich. To them particularly applies the plea to face the reality of "great forces at play" in Asia and to understand the meaning of what the Prime Minister described as "something of the nature of a human earthquake" which is occurring in certain places. Resistance to those "great forces", to the social and political awakening of peoples who can no longer suffer Imperialism, will inevitably produce more of "human earthquakes." And the little men of Holland, France and Portugal cannot stop it. They can only bring suffering to the peoples concerned and destruction to themselves, their countries, and, if to a lesser extent, Europe itself too.

Case Of Africa

The same warning applies to European masters in respect of Africa too. "The second," Pandit Nehru said, "is perhaps not quite so obvious, but it is very important—what is happening in Africa. It may take a little time to develop but there is little doubt that Africa will also affect world affairs very greatly in several ways." Pandit Nehru did not exaggerate but actually put the situation and the portents mildly. The time he referred to is being shortened by the fanaticism of Malan and South African Whites and by the blind and cynical greed of Western European Imperialism. Both seem to be blissfully ignorant of a human reality, namely, that a probe cannot be applied indefinitely without provoking reaction. Asia was also down and suppressed, socially and politically. Asia has arisen. So will Africa. And sooner than normally anticipated, for the simple but overwhelming reason that the humiliation of Imperialistic and racial tyranny will not only incite the peoples of Africa to free themselves from it by a determined struggle, but will also bring a powerful coloured Asia to their side in that struggle. Does Europe want this unequal struggle? If it does not, it must, in its own interests, change for the better.

Deplorable Blunder

The execution in Malaya of Mr. S. R. Ganapathy, Indian ex-President of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, is worse than a blunder, which cannot be too stroughly deplored or condemned. And we are glad that the Government of India has instructed the High Commissioner in London to lodge a vigorous protest with the British Government against it. Whatever the views of the Malayan Government about Mr. Ganapathy's politics and activities and whatever the emergency regulations, the facts as given in the New Delhi press note show that he might as well have been innocent as guilty of the charges against him. The Malayan authorities hold him guilty taking into no account the extenuating circumstances pleaded by Mr. Ganapathy, but how could it not occur to them that not a "terrorist", not a sympathiser of "terrorists," but a responsible man like Mr. Thivy, the Government of India's representative, would not have felt it his duty to intervene with representations unless he was fully satisfied that there was good and reasonable ground for doubt against the correctness of the main charge against Mr. Ganapathy?

Undesirable Beginning

In the circumstances, the least the authorities should have done was to commute the sentence of death. Instead they hanged him and they did so "even before the High Commissioner for India in London had been informed of the result of the examination of the case by His Majesty's Government as promised" — we repeat, "as promised". The conclusion is unfortunately obvious. They were determined to hang Mr. Ganapathy and to do so in indecent haste. Which, because a promise was not honoured, involved, in addition to the authorities in Malaya, His Majesty's Government in London also. We cannot see what explanation the latter can give. But we certainly can see one thing. Duly the other day there was opened a chapter in Indo-British relations, a chapter which, every one expected and still expects, would be marked by fruitful friendship between the two countries. The execution of Mr. Ganapathy and the attitude towards the Government of India's representations does not help in the promotion of that friendship. This is not the beginning that could have been desired.

Cloth Prices

Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Bombay's Supply Minister, has pointed out that the full quota of cloth allotted to each person in the province is not actually being purchased. As the quota is not very high one has to conclude that many people cannot afford to purchase the cloth they need because of its high control price. One has also to conclude that those who thus submit themselves form a large majority. For else many would have bought up their quota and sold a part of it to others for some profit. It is, therefore, clear that the present control prices are very high. The conclusion is borne out by the recent revelation that the cloth industry made a huge profit of about Rs. 20 crores in 1948. It is probable that the prices of cloth depend upon the prices of raw cotton and these have to be fairly high in order to induce the cultivator to grow more cotton. In any case it is necessary for Government to consider seriously the possibility of reducing the control prices of cloth, at any rate the price of those varieties of cloth which are used by the poor people.

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OPEN AIR

On April 16th, I wrote in the 'Open Air' corner about the Indian Laburnum which is just now coming out in a riot of gold along our city roadsides. By some mistake, the illustration appended was that of the Bauhinia, a completely different tree! The Laburnum, or Cassia Fistula bears long pendulous clusters of golden yellow flowers, which remind one of the English Laburnum. The flowers are followed by long, tubular fruits, bearing the seeds. The Bauhunia bears pink, or white or mauve flowers, and its fruits are small flattened pods. When the trees are not flowering, they may be easily distinguished by their leaves. for the Laburnum has compound leaves composed of several pairs of leaflets, while the Bauhinia bears twin-lobed simple leaves shapped like the cloven hoof of a goat.

D. R.

INDIAN LABURNUM

KHER'S CALL TO MAN FOOD FRONT

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as a whole, did not produce anything like the results aimed at. On the contrary, our food imports from abroad have steadily increased, resulting in a big drain on our limited resources of foreign exchange. This is seriously hampering the growth and progress of our new industries. A reorientation of the food policy was, therefore, considered necessary and, after very careful consideration of the matter, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, announced the determination of the Government that India should attain self-sufficiency in the matter of food by the end of 1951.

The Prime Minister made that statement in all seriousness and, after the end of 1951, no foodgrains would be allowed to be imported into the country. This means that all our attempts to become self-sufficient must bear fruit in the next five harvests. There is no time to be lost and it is our bounden duty to see that we are not in any way found lacking in our efforts to make India self-sufficient in food. We know the methods, "viz" intensifying cultivation, bringing uncultivated lands under the plough etc., but, it is a question of successfully putting them into practice with energy and vigour.

Our Province, though industrially advanced has always been deficit in the matter of food production. Ordinarily, we are required to import six to seven lakh tons of foodgrains every year to feed our population. But though we may not become self-sufficient before the day fixed, we must contribute our utmost towards making the country as a whole self-sufficient in food in the period set for us by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. We can do so, however, only if we receive the support and co-operation of all groups, organisations and classes, foremost among them being the cultivators themselves.

GOVERNMENT'S SCHEMES

The Government's "Grow More Food" schemes have been prepared to solve the difficulties of cultivators in growing more foodgrains and for giving them as much assistance as possible in the shape of finance, technical advice and supply of materials. Fresh schemes are put into operation now and then and the existing ones modified from time to time in the light of the experience gained in working them. But whatever we may do, unless the cultivators gird their loins and set to work those schemes in right earnest, they will just remain 'paper schemes'.

I therefore, appeal to the cultivators to put the interest of the country before their own and contribute their mite to the solution of the problem of increased food production by growing foodcrops on as much land as possible, in preference to money crops. I know their difficulties only too well. They require materials of all kinds, such as, iron, steel, cement, diesel oil, implements and machinery, for stepping up production. While the Government will do all in its power to provide these, we must remember that these materials are in short supply. But we must not sit with folded hands until these materials become available. We must utilise the available resources in our country. Thus if artificial fertilisers, such as ammonium sulphate, sulphate, superphosphate, phosphates, etc. are in short supply, there is no reason why we should not convert every bit of refuse into compost and utilise it for manuring our soils.

EXAMPLE OF CHINA

In China and Japan, night soil has been successfully employed for increasing the yields of crops. Can we not do the same? In this and other matters, all organisations, particularly organisations of cultivators, like co-operative societies and panchayats, village officers and teachers, can play a very useful part. The Government proposes to set up a Committee for each village, whose task will it be to make the village, if deficit, a self-sufficient one and, if not deficit, able to contribute its utmost to the Province's food resources. Village panchayats and rural co-operatives should co-operate wholeheartedly with these Committees. Village committees can also actively take up the work of preparing compost manure and nightsol manure.

I would like to see our municipalities take an active interest in this drive to step up agricultural production and give their share to the campaign by sending all the town refuse, nightsoil, sewage and sullage water to the fields for manuring. It is not the duty of the towns that they should at least send their wastes to the fields for manuring, in return for the supply of food they get from them?

FOOD SUBSTITUTES

I am advised that at any rate in the near future we may not be able to make up the gap in our food supplies by relying entirely on the customary foodgrains. There is, however, considerable scope for the extension of the area and production under high-yielding tuber crops like sweet potatoes and potatoes. Bananas have great food value and can help to no small extent. In this respect not only the producers but the people also must do their bit by supplementing their customary food with substitute subsidiary foods, like sweet potatoes, potatoes and bananas. These crops are very heavy yielders and also excellent from the point of view of providing energy and nutrition. Whereas, it takes three to four acres of land to produce a ton of cereals, you can get, on an average, four tons of sweet potatoes from one acre of land.

CALL TO CITY DWELLERS

City dwellers, too, can do their bit. They can grow vegetables and even root crops in their own compounds and gardens, however small the size of these may be. Britain, during the war, was in a bad way in respect of food supplies. She, however, launched a 'Dig for Victory' Campaign and every family in Britain grew a part of its requirements. Can we not do the same? The yields in India are proverbially low, but, with proper management, manuring, judicious rotations and cultivation, these can easily be doubled and even trebled, in some cases.

Meanwhile, if the yields are increased in the whole country, even by a mere 10 per cent., the country will become self-sufficient.

Is this too much to expect from our cultivators who know the art of agriculture as well as any cultivator in the world?

ALL-SIDED EFFORT

An all-sided effort is required to be made, with new vigour and drive, to step up agricultural production so that we are no longer dependent on outside sources of supply for our food supply. A change in our habits and intense effort on the part of people and Government alike are necessary in order to achieve food self-sufficiency by 1951. And I appeal to one and all, officials and non-officials, high and low, workers and peasants, leaders of public opinion in all walks of life, to lend a helping hand in resolving the food crisis, which, if not tided over successfully, must inevitably result in widespread suffering of millions of our countrymen and it may not only stop the forward march of progress but perhaps, even endanger our very existence as a free country. We have reason to be proud of our achievements since the advent of freedom and I believe that we can, if we all work together with one purpose, win the battle on the food front. Every one must co-operate in wiping off the food deficit in our province as early as possible.

The stability of our Province and indeed of our country depends upon our capacity to drive away the enemy and hunger and starvation from our midst. I feel sure that, if you and I did our bit, we shall be free from the danger of hunger at no distant future.

Stop Press

U. S. BASE IN SPAIN

LAKE SUCCESS, May 6 (U.P.A.): Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko charged in the United Nations today that the United States and Britain are "actively converting" Franco Spain into a military base "for use in a war being hatched against the Soviet Union."

SEVEN NATIONS BACK ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, May 6. (UPA)—The United States and six other countries today formally proposed that the United Nations approve Israel's application to become the 59th United Nations member. The resolution recommending Israel's application was submitted to the U.N Special Political Committee by the United States, Australia, Canada, Haiti, Panama, Uruguay and Gautemala.

ZAFRULLAH AT IT AGAIN

LAKE SUCCESS, May 6. (PTI-Reuter)—Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, has asked the Security Council to hold a meeting soon to resume the debate on the Hyderabad question. Sir Mohammad has sent a letter to M. Jean Chauvel, this month's president of the Security Council.

TEMPORARY WEST GERMAN GOVT.

BONN Germany, May 6. (UPA)—The West German Constituent Assembly decided today to set up immediately a temporary West German Government to serve until an elected Government can take over.

HOLLYWOOD FIRE

INGLEWOOD California, May 6. (UPA)—A 40-minute fire razed the $5,000,000 grandstand and club house at the Hollywood Park race track early today on the eve of the greatest season in its history.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DEAD

NICE, May 6. (PTI-Reuter)—Count Maurice Maeterlinck, world-famous playwright, sometimes known as "the Belgian Shakespeare", died in his villa here today, aged 88. He was a Nobel prize winner for literature.

VISCOUNT PORTAL DEAD

LONDON, May 6. (UPA)—Viscount Portal of Laverstoke, prominent British Statesman, businessman and sportsman died suddenly today at his home in Whitchurch, Hampshire. He was 64. Lord Portal was chief host in the Olympic games here last year.

BOMBAY, May 6 (A.P.I.): Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Chairman of the U.N.O Sub-Committee on Economic Development, arrived in Bombay tonight from Lake Success. He will leave for Delhi tomorrow morning.

EARTHQUAKES OCCUR WHETHER ONE LIKES THEM OR NOT

"You see in Asia today gre at forces at play—in some places in the nature of human earthquakes"—PANDIT NEHRU.

Sardar Urges: Don't Impede Production

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Till the last day of his life he championed their cause.

THE BEGINNINGS

Continuing, Sardar Patel described at length how the All-India Trade Union Congress which was started under the chairmanship of Lala Lajpatrai and had such eminent Indians as Pandit Nehru and Subhas Bose as its Presidents, became gradually the handmaid of the Communists.

The Communists, he said, wanted merely to exploit the labour for their own political gains.

When Gandhiji realised that the Communist policy of hatred and violence would be detrimental to the interest of the labour, he asked the labour not to remain in the AITUC. A new organisation of labour, the Indian National Trade Union Congress was then started. This organisations, he said, was the real trade union body of the labour of this country.

"If trade unionism in this country is based on the high ideals preached by this body, there will be no cause for trouble at any time and all differences between the labour and the capital, however great and insoluble, can be amicably settled.

"Nothing is more shameful for us to fire upon our own brothers and there will be no necessity for resorting to fire if labour follows the principle of the I.N.T.U.C."

"Communist ideology is of foreign type and although they are now fomenting labour strikes in the country, they betrayed the labour and the country when the real time for strike came in 1942. Now when we have our own National Government to look after the welfare of the labour, they are preaching violence and inspiring illiterate labour to go on strike when maximum production is an imperative necessity of the day."

POWERFUL COMMUNITY

Sardar Patel proceeded: "If there is any powerful community in the country, it is the labour who do the real bulk of national work. As such, they have got the greatest power in their hands. If their powers are properly canalised, they can work wonders, but if they go astray, the may fall. They should not forget their ideals. That was why Gandhiji laid so much stress on cleaning the labour organisation.

"If you want justice today, there is no necessity for you to go on strike or abegging. You can represent all your legitimate demands to the Government who are your representatives. I have no doubt, justice will done to you. But if your Government feel that there is something wrong in your demand, they will advise you and show you the right path."

"India has become independent now," Sardar Patel continued, "and there should be no conflict between labour and capital. If the labour want justice from the capital, they should demand it from the Government and not resort to strike as the only weapon to redress their grievances. Strike is preached by the interested Communists who forment this to capture votes in their favour. It is with this idea that they started creating trouble in railways and other public utility concerns."

SOCIALISTS' ROLE

He referred to the role played by the Socialists and said: "When we came out from jails, we told our Socialist brothers that it was no use fighting with the British because they were about to quit India. But they disagreed with us and when they found that the Britishers were actually leaving India, we appealed to the Socialists again to join hands with the Congress, but they withdrew from the Congress.

"Some people ask: 'What has the Congress Government done for the labourers and farmers?' They say they want 'kisan mazdoor raj'. In reality these people are misleading the labourers and farmers by inciting them to violent activities They do not ponder over the true position of our nation, but only carry on the propaganda that the present Government is a capitalist Government and that they are supporting the capitalists which is harmful to the nation. The capitalists are only a small minority in this country and although I concede that some of them have earned their capital by unfair methods, I cannot agree that we should take away all the industries from their hands and nationalise them. We have not got all the resources and power to control all key industries and work them satisfactorily."

Proceeding, the Deputy Prime Minister dealt with the duty of the Government towards labour. "In the villages", he said, "the farmers actually work for four months in a year and remain idle for the rest of the year. That is the problem of the village all over India. Labour is very poor in this country. The first problem for us, therefore, is how to feed these people. I do not mean that we should given them money or "haksahis".

"What we should do is to make our nation rich so that the standard of living can be raised. We have secured independence after a great struggle and we must march step by step to stabilise it and make the nation wealthy and progressive so that labour can share in the general wealth of the nation".

IN CHINA AND BURMA

He referred to the situation in China and Burma and said, "We have not secured independence to shape things in our country in the way things are being shaped in China and Burma. Labour must think first what will be good for themselves and must not develop the habit of always abusing the capital. They are the real chariot of country's independence and no Government can ignore their legitimate demands if the nation as a whole is to prosper".

Concluding, Sardar Patel said: "Real satisfaction of the labour is the "sine qua non" of world peace. We must create a peaceful atmosphere in the country so that labour may remain content and produce the maximum for the welfare of the nation. We have to bring to our community those who are landless, moneyless and without employment. For them we have to start cottage industries to feed them and to see that they get their legitimate dues. It is then and then only that India would become a progressive and a great nation in the world".

WARM RECEPTION

Sardar Patel accompanied by Mr. Jagjivan Ram arrived here this morning by his special plane. Sardar looked cheerful as he alighted. He was warmly received at aerodrome by Rajpramukh Maharaja of Gwalior, Uparajpramukh Maharaja of Indore, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, and others.

After receiving a guard of honour from Madhya Bharat Army, Sardar Patel drove away from the drome. He was loudly cheered by a large crowd standing outside.

BRITAIN SHOULD FIGHT SEGREGATION

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Africa for social and political progress", he declared.

BEST HOPE

"If the great problem of the next half century is the risk of conflict between East and West, is it not of supreme importance that in the recent Commonwealth meeting in London three Prime Ministers from the East sat down with five Prime Ministers of European origin?" he asked.

"Here East and West met together to discuss a problem which by common agreement involved important difficulties. The problem was solved by unanimous agreement. These are not words and aspirations. It is hard practical work".

"In the Commonwealth there lies our best hope that the peoples of different races will be able to work together and that the danger of racial conflict can be avoided. This co-operation was just begun and I hope nothing will be done to imperial its success".

On a sugestion, made during the debate, that the South-West Africa Act should go to the International Court of Justice, Mr. Noel-Baker said he could not think his question was open to any legal doubt.

He did not think South Africa was under any legal obligation to take the matter to the International Court. To lay the matter before the Court would be bad practice. It would not do any good but it might easily do much harm.

W. F. T. U. PROTEST

PARIS: The World Federation of Trade Union tonight issued from its Paris headquarters a protest against the execution of Mr. Ganapathy, Indian trade union leader, under the Malaya Government's emergency powers.

INDIA PROTESTS TO BRITAIN

LONDON, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): The Indian High Commissioner, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon tonight handed his government's protest to the British Government at the hanging in Malaya of S. R. Ganapathy, 24-year-old Indian President of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions

Mr. Menon called personally on Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies.

A Colonial Office spokesman said: "Mr. Menon presented the views of the Indian Government. We have no further comment to make."

It is understood the protest was delivered to Lord Listowel because Colonial Secretary Mr. Arthur Creech Jones returned only today from a tour of Africa and was not fully conversant with all details of the case. Lord Listowel was acting for the Colonial Secretary during his absence.

Earlier today Colonial legal experts and chief officials of the Colonial Office met again to discuss the legal and constitutional issues involved in the Ganapathy affair.

BATAVIA TALKS SUCCESSFUL

Agreement Soon

BATAVIA, May 6 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Dutch and Republican delegations who have been conferring on preliminary steps towards ending the dispute on the future of Indonesia were today on the verge of agreement, according to usually well-informed sources on both sides.

At yesterday's informal meeting of the delegation, virtual agreement was reached on a formula, the sources said But because of some minor points Dr. Roem and leading members of the Republican delegation made a one-day visit today to Republican President Soekarno and the Prime Minister, Dr. Mohamad Hatta.

Usually well-informed Dutch and Republican sources suggested that the terms of agreement broadly provided for:

1. Restoration of the Republican Government to the territory of the Sultanate of Jogjakarata,
2. The Sultan to be Minister without protfolio in the Republican Cabinet and his Sultanate to include the broad district round Jogjakarta and extend to the south coast.
3. The members of the Republican delegation would undertake as individuals to urge a cease-fire after restoration of the Republican Government, and also attendance at the Hague Conference.

RAM GOPAL ON TURKISH STAGE

ISTANBUL, May 5. (PTI-Reuter): The well-known Indian dancer, Ram Gopal, has arrived in Istanbul with his ballet company.

After a week's performance in Istanbul they will appear in Ankara.

COMMONWEALTH AID FOR BURMA

Talks In Rangoon

RANGOON, May 6 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Commonwealth aid for Burma is believed to have been discussed with Prime Minister Thakin Nu yesterday by the ambassadors of Britain, India and Pakistan.

Usually reliable sources said the meeting lasted an our. They added that Deputy Prime Ministers Ne Win, Foreign Minister U. W. Maung, and Finance Minister U Tin were present.

The Foreign Minister had told the press earlier that an important announcement on the possibility of Commonwealth aid for Burma could be expected with 48 hours.

KAREN OFFICERS KILLED

Two high ranking Raren officers, deserters from the Burma Army, and 140 rebels were killed in a nightlong battle around the railway town of Daiku 78 miles north of Rangoon, tonight's "Communique" said.

The "Communique" further reported several clashes between Government troops and rebels in the Irrawaddy delta districts of Bassein and Myaungmya.

Burma Army radio said tonight there were indications that White Band P. V. O.'s driven out of Mandalay, 500 miles north of Rangoon, two weeks ago, were preparing for a fresh assault on the temple city. The White Band section of the Peoples Volunteer Organisation joined the White Flag Communists in their revolt against Thakin Nu's Government.

The P.V. O.'s were reported to be concentrating in strength at a point 12 miles north of Mandalay, but Government forces were fully prepared to protect the city, the broadcast added.

Mopping up of P. V. O.'s in the Sagaing hills west of Mandalay continues. In a clash south of Mandalay Government troops killed ten Red Flag Communists and captured arms and ammunition, the radio said.

LONDON, May 6. (UPA)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had a long talk today with Turkish Foreign Minister Mecmeddin Sadak at the Foreign Office. It is believed their talk centered around security problems of the Eastern Mediterranean and Turkey's relationship to the Council of Europe.

RIFT IN GREATER RAJASTHAN SETUP

No-Confidence Move Against Premier And P.C.C. President

NEW DELHI, May 6. (UPI)—Within a month of Greater Rajastan as an administrative unit and the Congress Party's taking over power there, two no-confidence motions have been tabled against the Premier of Greater Rajasthan, Pandit Hiralal Shastri, and the President of the Rajasthan P.C.C. Shri Gokul Bhai Bhatt.

The no-confidence motions tabled with the Secretary of the P.C.C. on April 30 contained 50 signatures and till yesterday the total number of signatories in favour of the motion is understood to have gone upto 175 as against the total P.C.C. strength of 134.

These signatories who are mainly from Jaipur, the home-town of the present Premier of Greater Rajasthan and Jodhpur, do not include members from Matsya Union because the question of this Union's merger was not finally decided when the motions were tabled. But now with its inclusion it is expected that voters in support of the no-confidence motion would be added to.

According to the P.C.C. constitution, the Secretary has got to call requisition meetings within 20 days of the receipt of the notice and it is expected that the meeting of the P.C.C. will be held by the middle of this month to consider the no-confidence motions.

VYAS' CLARIFICATION

Shri Jainarayan Vyas, a member of the Consembly, and also a signatory to the no-confidence motions against the Premier of Rajasthan and the President of the P.C.C. in a press statement has clarified his position by saying that the motions were not tabled to meet personal ambitions and that the only objective behind this action was to strengthen the organisation whose wishes and commands had been flouted in more than one case and whose existence today was in danger

Shri Jainarayan further says that he had nothing to say for or against anyone in the Ministry, "but I claim every right to tell it publicly that the methods used in selecting the Ministry are most arbitrary and that democracy has been respected only by flouting public opinion and dishonouring the wishes of the organisation and trusted friends. Elements who had been working against the Congress have been invited to join both inside and outside the Ministry to work for the ends that cannot be characterised as honest or democratic and dirty intrigues have been let loose to involve the protagonists of the no-confidence motion into trouble".

RAILWAY LABOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, May 6.

As announced by the Government of India in a Press Communique on the 5th May, 1949, a Joint Advisory Committee consisting of representatives of Railway Labour and of the Railway Board with an independent chairman is being set up for advising Government on matters of common interest that may be referred to it by the Government. The following persons are being nominated to the Committee:

(1) Mr. S. S. Jeejeebhai, Chairman of the Standing Industrial Tribunal, Calcutta—nominated as chairman by the Ministry of Labour.

(2) Messrs. R. Ramaswamy Ayyar, S. S. Gore, Y. P. Kulkarni and M. E. Bartley—Representatives of the Railway Board.

(3) Messrs. R. A. Khedgikar, S. Guruswamy, P. Chatterji and Harihar Nath Shastri—Representatives of Railway Labour.

People IN THE NEWS

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

MADRAS, May 6. (A.P.I.) Sri C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, has expressed his inability to receive any address from the local municipal council or from any other public body during his forthcoming visit to Tiruvannamalai, it is officially stated here.

The Governor-General will arrive in Madras in the evening of May 13 from Delhi by plane and leave for Tiruvannamalai by a special train on the same night.

Sri Rajagopalachari will declare open the Pathala Lingam Cave, the place where Shri Ramana Maharishi started meditation in his early days, on May 14 and return to Madras in the evening. After spending a day in Madras the Governor-General will leave for Bangalore, on May 16.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Friday: The Governor of Bombay received Mr. A. G. Advani. Her Highness the Maharani of Rajpipla came to tea.

The Governor of Bombay attended a party given to Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay at the Brabourne Stadium, where he was received by Shri Purshottamdas Thakurdas.

MR. LIAQUAT ALI KHAN

LONDON, May 6. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. Liaquat Ali Khnn, Prime Minister of Pakistan, left London by air today for Rome on his way to Karachi.

SIR HOMI MODY

LUCKNOW, May 6 (UPI): His Excellency Sir Homi Mody the Governor of the United Provinces, is leaving for Delhi tomorrow by air to attend the Governors' Conference on May 8 and 9 and would return to Lucknow on May 10.

Mahatma's Will

PROBATE GRANTED TO NARHARI PARIKH

AHMEDABAD, May 6. (U.P.I.): The District Judge of Ahmedabad admitted today the petition filed by Narhari Parikh, Mahatma Gandhi's close associate, and ordered grant of probate of Gandhiji's will to the estate of Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, under Section 289 of the Indian Succession Act, having effect throughout India, on the petitioner entering into a bond in the sum of Rs. 10,000.

In the judgment order the Judge remarked that no one came forward to contest the genuineness and validity of the will. One Natarajan of Madras filed a written statement claiming certain rights of translating some of Gandhi's writings, the order said, Natarajan had filed the statement to safeguard his rights but had no objection for grant of probate of the will.

Therefore, The Court granted probate as prayed for.

No-Confidence Move Against W. Bengal P.C.C. Executives

CALCUTTA, May 6 (UPI): A special meeting of the West Bengal Provincial Congress Committee has been requisitioned demanding the removal of the present Executive Council, including the office-bearers "in the interest of better organisation and service".

The requisition has been signed by 106 out of about 340 members.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 19th Rationing Week, commencing from Sunday, May 8, 1949 to Saturday, May 14, 1949, has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units)	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Units)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	3.1/8 seer= 84 ozs.	1.9/16 seers= 42 ozs.	1 seer=27 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer= 13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
of which (1) Maximum available in Rice Sort 1-A (2) Rice Sort 1-C (3) Boiled Rice Sort 1 (if available) (4) Boiled Rice Sort II (if available)	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer= 13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(5) Raw Rice Sort II	1/2 seer= 14 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheat grain*	1.1/2 seers= 41 ozs.	3/4 seer=21 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Milo (if available)	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.

* One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit per seer of wheat ration.

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

The concession of allowing a Bread Ticket of one unit on a Child's ration card against surrender of the entire ration will continue.

GOVT. OF INDIA

DISPOSALS AD NO. A.C. 15

CORRECTION

With reference to the advertisement regarding the reduced prices of the Surplus Stock of Japanese Cloth, which appeared in the "Bombay Chronicle", dated 2nd and 4th May, under the column "Reserve Price" against Code No. 2042, the price in Cents has been misprinted as "54". It should be read as "24."

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HYDERABAD FACES DEFICIT OF 2-LAKH TONS OF FOODGRAINS

Delhi To Supply Half The Quantity: D. S. Bakhle Urges Well-To-Do People To Avoid Waste

HYDERABAD, May 6 (UPI): The Hyderabad State is faced with a deficit of two lakh tons of foodgrains. T his was disclosed today by Mr. D. S. Bakhle Chief Civil Administrator, Hyderabad, addressing the inaugural meeting of the Central Food Advisory Committee, whose personnel, official and non-official, was announced recently.

The meeting was attended by civil administrators from the districts and was presided over by Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao, Civil Supplies Member.

Continuing, the Chief Civil Administrator announced that Government of India had agreed to make available to Hyderabad State one lakh tons of grains to meet its deficit halfway. As there yet remained a deficit of one lakh tons, he asked the members of the Committee to co-operate with Government in stepping up production and in their procurement drive.

TIGHTEN-UP BELTS

He called upon the well-to-do to tighten up their belts by avoiding waste of foodgrains. The people of Hyderabad he said, were known for their hospitality and for their feasts and banquets wherein more food was wasted than eaten by guests. This should be avoided to ensure that none died of starvation, he concluded.

After the member-in-charge had spoken, the members of the Committee were given an oportunity to throw light on the food situation in the State and make suggestions to improve it.

Hyderabad Ban On Sale Of Kashmir Maps

HYDERABAD, May 5. (U. P. I.): The Military Governor of Hyderabad has prohibited the sale or distribution of maps of Jammu and Kashmir, whether separate or part of any other document, of a scale of 1/M and of larger scales, under the Defence of Hyderabad Rules.

INDIA GOVT. EXPERTS FOR HYDERABAD

Discussion On 'Abolition' Of Jagirdari

NEW DELHI, May 6 (UPI): Mr. B K. Gokhale, Secretary, Ministry of Works, Mines and Power in the Government of India, and expert on land revenue legislation, will pay a two-day visit to Hyderabad for discussing the proposed 'regulation' of Jagirdaris in the Hyderabad State, it is learnt. Mr. Vellodi, Secretary of Ministry of States, is also likely to accompany him.

During their visit to Hyderabad, these two officials of the Government of India will consult the local authorities and also try to ascertain the public opinion as to how best the abolition of Jagirdari in the State could effected and what should be the compensation to be paid to the Jagirdars.

90 'REDS' ARRESTED IN KARIMNAGAR DISTRICT

HYDERABAD, May 6 (UPI): Ninety Communists, including three ring leaders have been arrested in Karimnagar District, it was learned today.

Thirty suspected Communist sympathisers and Razakars against whom no cases could be established were released recently.

Four civil centres have been opened in the Kohida area and Akanapet where Communist activity is still reported.

KOMTI MERCHANT RELIEVED OF RS. 30,000

A hold up involving a sum of Rs. 30,000 was staged by Communists at Manthana village in Karimnagar District recently, according to reports received here. The victim was a Komti merchant of the village.

DACOITS KILL TWO IN HYDERABAD VILLAGE

Armed Goondas, suspected to be Rohilas, raided on Wednesday last Yavapuram, a village in Medak district, and killed two men and looted property worth Rs. 4,000, according to information received here.

The marauders entered the village about sunset and caused panic by firing shots in the air later, they looted a house and killed two men who offered resistance.

U. S. INTEREST IN NON-VIOLENCE

Dr. Sushila Nair's Impressions

WASHINGTON, May 5, (U. P. I.): Americans are genuinely interested in the non-violence movement initiated by the late Mahatma Gandhi, his personal physician, Dr. Shushila Nair believes. Dr. Nair is in the United States on a U. N. fellowship, making a survey on American child-care techniques for adaptation to Indian needs.

THEY ALL KNOW MAHATMA'S NAME.

The name of Mahatma Gandhi, she found, is well-known and revered in the United States. "I never met anyone who has not heard of Mahatma Gandhi. They knew he was the friend of the downtrodden and the underdog", she stated.

War can never put an end the wars, for war breeds hatred and violence, Dr. Nair declared. "Violence cannot be consistent with truth and justice. The only way to break through the vicious circle and get out of the clutches of this monster war which warps our thinking is the way of non-violence," which she termed as "the highest form of religion or duty".

POLICE CONSTABLES DETAINED

Alleged Dacoity In Village

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, (By Mail): Four Police constables Khudadad, Dost Mohomed, Amir Bukhsh and Ali Hussein attached to the Dadu Police Station are now in detention on a charge of having tried to commit dacoity in a nearby village.

Ahmed Mir Bahar, the leading zemindar of the village was able to apprehend all the four accused with the help of his assistants and then handed them over to the higher authorities.

All the accused have been suspended from service and an enquiry is now proceeding against them.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

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common man in the city is struggling hard for water and recently reports have appeared in the press that quarreles at the water taps are leading to serious consequences. The management of markets also had its share of adverse criticism. The charge of profiteering by Municipal markets could not be refuted by the authorities for the figures spoke for themselves. What is needed is a drastic change in the policy in this respect. No one will mind the Municipality making money out of these projects provided it is within reasonable bounds and is also accompanied by facilities and amenities to the citizens which at present are woefully lacking. A single visit to any of our Municipal markets would suffice to convince any one of the shabby, unclean and unhygenic manner in which these places where millions of citizens have to buy their eatables are kept, and thus they are nothing short of a disgrace to the city.

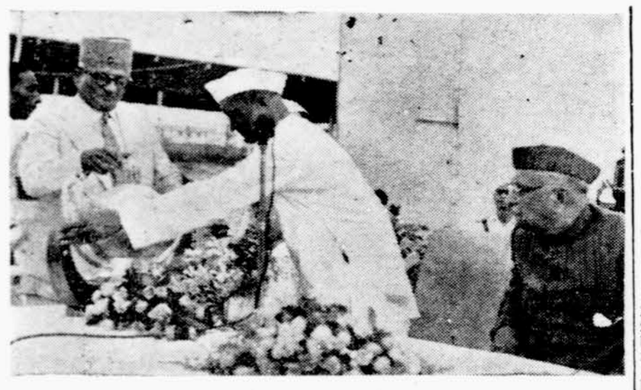
BUILDING ACTIVITY

The sorry tale of disposing off Municipal lands for industrial purposes without caring for the suggestions made in the Master Plan for Greater Bombay was once again repeated before the House. The land policy of the Corporation has been a point of constant criticism by the Opposition for the last telwve months and it is gratifying to note that the city press has at last realised the great danger to the city in the present policy pursued by the Corporation. As has been pointed out, it is virtually making a mess of the plan by allowing building activity without a plan in those parts of the city which are yet to be developed. In this respect the Government must come to the rescue of the citizen and must ask the City Corporation as well as the Suburban Municipalities to honour the Greater Bombay plan on which millions of rupees are being spent and more money is to be spent. If all this expenditure is not to be a mere waste the matter must receive prompt attention.

While Municipal land is being sold to private parties and for being used for purposes other than residential, half the city's total population has to pass its days either without a roof over its head or in tenements which are not fit for human habitation. The number of slum areas has been growing. Nothing practically has been done so far to clear those areas which have been marked as slums. If a fresh survey is carried out the number of such areas is bound to increase, for while building activity has been practically at a stand-still during the war years, landlords never known as a class for their consideratness for the poor tenants, have so completely neglected the repair of houses that more and more areas are fast turning into slums and one wonders as to when all this is to end. The one problem that needs more attention than any other and which should have the topmost priority is Housing for this city, whose population is going up every day, as poor people from the villages in search of employment are flocking to the city. But it is being so completely neglected that literally nothing happens and year after year passes. While England which suffered so heavily during the war has managed to rebuild its houses and while America has created the record of having built a million houses in a single year, we in this country have miserably failed to solve the problem so far. The question is how long the citizens will meekly suffer this. It may not be wise or even safe to try their patience too much.

CLOTH PRICES

The question of cloth prices was discussed at great length in the Corporation. The recent statement made by the provincial Minister of civil supplies to the effect that in the towns of the province only the rich were availing themselves of the opportunity to buy the extra ten yards of cloth on the ration cards gave the Opposition an opportunity to make out a strong case that prevailing prices of cloth were so high that the poor man could not afford to buy cloth even when the supply was there. The rise in production, the huge profits made by the millowners and the rampant black marketing and profiteering indulged in by the producer and the dealer all came in for severe criticism and the majority party not being ready to vote down the proposition straightaway, used the device of shelving the issue by sending it to the Law Revenue and General Purposes Committee, which has become the omnibus committee to which every inconvenient problem raised by the Opposition, is safely submitted.



PRESENTING THE CASKET

Ministers' Assurance To Bombay Mayor

IMPROVING CORPORATION'S RELATIONS WITH GOVT.

Reception To S. K. Patil At Brabourne Stadium

BOMBAY, FRIDAY: "THE RELATION BETWEEN THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY WILL CONTINUE TO BE MORE AND MORE CORDIAL, AND I SHALL ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR DURING MY TERM OF MAYORALTY TO STRENGTHEN THIS CORDIAL RELATION", SAID MR. S. K. PATIL, THE MAYOR OF BOMBAY, SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS "FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS" AT THE BRABOURNE STADIUM THIS EVENING.

The Mayor said that in order to maintain this cordial relation with Government, he had called upon Ministers to the Government of Bombay at the Secretariat and particularly discussed with the Minister for Local Self-Government all matters pertaining to the civic affairs of this city. He was glad to announce that all the Ministers he had met had assured him of complete co-operation of Government to the Bombay Municipality in running the civic administration of the city.

The reception was organised by a Committee of the "friends and admirers" of Mr. S. K. Patil and was presided over by H. E. Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, the Governor of Bombay.

Mr. Patil was presented with a handsome silver casket and Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas, the Chairman of the Committee, read out an address to the Mayor. Over 5,000 guests were present at the reception.

The address recalled the services to the country by Mr. Patil and his sacrifices for the cause of national movement and stated: "Both in the sphere of constitution-making as well as in that of making laws for the governance of the country, you have shown great insight into details which has marked you out as a practical man". It added: "Your appointment as a member on a number of Committees by the Government of India is a fitting recognition of your ability for sustained work in constructive spheres".

The Governor in his brief speech said that he was happy to preside over such a function where a man of remarkable qualities was being honoured. The Governor added that Mr. Patil had served the country with selfless devotion all these years and he was the fittest person to preside over the deliberations of a body like the Bombay Municipal Corporation running the city civic administration and which was the greatest municipal body in Asia.

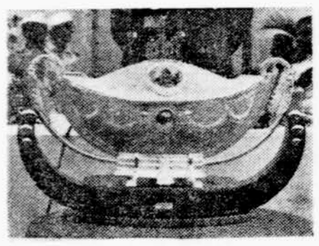
The Mayor said that the tribute paid to the Bombay Municipal Corporation by the Governor was a fitting tribute, although he would like to admit that there were still many matters in the city civic administration that could be still improved.

"We shall, however, endeavour and build upon those great traditions of the past to make this civic administration as nearly an ideal as possible", the Mayor added.

The Mayor said that the Constitution as devised by Sir Pherozeshah Mehta that governed the Bombay Municipality clearly laid down that in no way would the vital interests of the citizens suffer because of defects in Parliamentary Democracy and lengthy debates on the floor of the Municipal Hall did in no way affect the civic amenities provided to the citizens.

The Municipality, however, always acted as the custodian of the citizen's interests, he added.

Thanking them all for their great honour to him, Mr. Patil said that he was proud to be the First Citizen of Bombay, which had shown such noble spirit and tradition of civic life and which had shown the way to the rest of the country to the true consciousness of free citizenship of a national cosmopolitan city.



THE CASKET

BRISK PREPARATIONS FOR A. I. C. C. SESSION

Visitors To Be Limited To 1,000

DEHRADUN, May 6 (A.P.I.): Brisk preparations are being made for the forthcoming session of the A.I.C.C. to be held here on May 21 and 22. The Reception Committee under the presidentship of Mr. Mahavir Tyagi, members of the Constituent Assembly, has appointed 20 Sub-Committees to make elaborate arrangements for the session.

The venue of the session will be the hall of the Forest Research Institute, five miles west of the city. The hall, situated in the centre of the 1,200-acre institute, will be denuded of all furniture and 386 delegates and 1,000 visitors will squat on its carpeted floor during the session.

According to the programme chalked out by the Reception Committee, the Congress President on arrival here on May 20 will be taken out in a procession. The session will begin the next morning.

The Chairman of the Reception Committee in a statement appealed to the public to desist from coming to the session as provision has been made to house only 1,000 visitors.

Press representatives have been asked to reserve their seats before May 10.

A cottage Industries Exhibition organised by the United Provinces government wil. be held in the premises of the Institute during the session.

AMRITSAR, May 5 (API): An Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police and his wife sustained serious injuries as a result of an explosion, which occurred near their quarter in the police lines here today.

It is reported that the explosion was caused by a missile thrown into the compound from outside.

They have been taken to hospital for treatment.

Move To Avert Supersession Of Poona Suburban Municipality

COUNCILLORS TO MEET ON MAY 11 TO RECONSIDER BUDGET

POONA, May 6. (A.P.I.): An attempt to avert the supercession of the Poona Suburban Municipality was made today when it was decided by a meeting of the councillors to meet on May 11 to reconsided the budget which had been virtually rejected when it was first presented by the body. At that meeting by a majority vote, a provision of Re. 1 only was sanctioned for expenditure during 1949-50, creating a deadlock in the administration of the Municipality.

Today's meeting of the Municipality was called to consider a 'charge-sheet' by the Bombay Government asking the Municipality to show cause why action should not be taken by Government against it for its supercession. The charge-sheet stated that "the uncompromising attitude of the two parties in the municipality gives no hope that the deadlock in the administration of the Municipality will be resolved in the near future". It also added that the President of the Municipality did not appear to command the confidence of a majority of the councillors, who in order to force his resignation had voted a provision of Re. 1 only for expenditure during 1949-50.

Two More Swimming Pools For City

ICE SKATING RINK PLANNED AT BACK BAY

(From Our Staff Reporter)

BOMBAY, Friday: Two swimming pools, one at Mahim and the other on Marine Drive and a luxury ice skating rink at the Back Bay, are the additional recreational facilities planned for Bombay.

The first of these, the bath at Mahim will take concrete shape within the next year or so to be followed by the others as materials and machinery become available.

Although all the schemes have been sponsored and planned by a party, they have some measure of Government support. The swimming baths' scheme is being implimented through the Provincial Recreation Board and it is likely that the Government will give financial assistance by way of a substantial loan to the sponsors.

The original plan conceived by Mr. Khurshed Golwalla, proprietor of the two swimminging baths at Back Bay, had put forward a suggestion for four baths spread over the city as well as as the skating rink.

MANY FACILITIES

The Government, it is gathered, has only interested itself so far in two baths estimated to cost Rs. 25,00,000. It is planned that the swimming baths should provide many facilities including sea water bathing, swimming, boating, rowing clubs, refreshment rooms, gymnasia, auditoriums and also facilities for Indian games.

The bath at Mahim will be situated opposite Shivaji Park and occupy an area of eight to ten thousand square vards, and is estimated to cost Rs. 13,00,00. It will consist of a huge sea enclosure meant for bathing purposes. The charges will be low enough to be in the reach of peapole of the working classes.

The other swimming bath on Marine Drive will cost Rs. 12,00,000.

SKATING RINK

The skating rink proposed by Mr. Golwalla is the most ambitious project of its kind in the East. While the Government will give no financial assistance to this enterprise, leaving it for private financiers, they are likely to assist in obtaining imports of building materials as well as the colossal air conditioning and other equipment necessary for the project.

The Revenue department is also likely to consider a lease of land on favourable terms. The rink will be sited between the two existing baths at Back Bay.

It will have an air-conditioned stadium, an ice rink, an air-cooled theatre for indoor sports such as boxing, table tennis etc., a music hall and two swimming pools, one for the members and the other to the public. It will also be linked to the two baths which will be completely renovated.

This scheme is likely to cost Rs. 50,00,000.

POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT WITH OTHER PLANETS

Just Round The Corner Says Edward Clark

BOMBAY, Friday:

With the development of atomic power the possibility of earth's inhabitants establishing contacts with other planets might be "just round the corner", said Mr. G. Edward Clark, Public Affairs Officer of the United States Information Service, addressing the Y.M.C.A. this evening on the subject "Our Shrinking World."

With the aid of illustrative lantern slides, Mr. Clark traced the progress in transportation and communication since man went about his daily business on foot. Slow-moving covered wagons, used by the pioneers, gave place to steam transport, which in time were replaced by faster media like planes until it became possible to girdle the earth in a matter of hours. At the present time, he indicated, no point in the world took more than 60 hours to be reached from another point.

The daily and hourly shrinking of the world's frontiers, brought about by man's ingenuity and his zeal for quicker means of communication had opened up new concepts of living and many old notions had been altered. An undercurrent of unified culture ran through the world today and Mr. Clark expressed confidence that one day the closely-knit earth might have one federal government to which all men would owe allegiance.

Execution Of Ganapathy

Dr. Keskar's View

MALAYAN GOVT. RESPONSIBLE

CALCUTTA, May 6, (A.P.I.): Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister, External Affairs, Government of India, said here today that the responsibility for the execution of Mr. S. R. Ganapathy, the Indian labour leader in Malaya, was definitely with the Malayan Government.

Dr. Keskar returned to Calcutta today after about two weeks' visit to South-East Asian countries namely, Singapore, Saigon, Bangkok, and Rangoon.

The Government of India he said, had expected that the authorities in Malaya would at least let them know that there was no reason for reconsidering his case before he was actually hanged. But the Government was not informed of the details of the case.

Referring to the general situation in South-East Asia, Dr. Keskar said that after the last world war the economic condition in the countries in this region had been completely upset. Countries like Indo-China, Malaya and Indonesia wanted self-Government.

So far as Malaya was concerned, he did not think that there had been any national uprising in that country. It was to a very large extent a Communist uprising. Half the population was Chinese and about 600,000 Indians had settled there.

Referring to conditions in Malaya today Dr. Keskar said that outside Singapore and other town areas there was curfew from evening till morning. In the rural areas nobody dared to go out even in the day time.

In these areas the insurgents were holding some villages in ransom and procured money and food from the villagers. In some cases, houses of villagers were burnt down and they had to live in jungles.

Dr. Keskar said that there was a regular political movement in Malaya. There was an extremist party, which wanted complete independence but another wanted British guidance.

The activities of these two parties were kept in abeyance due to the disturbed conditions prevailing in that country. The British, however, now realised that they would be compelled to give autonomy to the Malayan States, he said.

Referring to the condition in Burma, Dr. Keskar said that there was a lot of confusion prevailing in the country. The worst conditions, he said, prevailed in the areas held by the Communist. Several Indians in the Communist-held areas had been sentenced to death, he added.

Dr. Keskar said that he had seen some refugee centres in Burma, where 15,000 to 20,000 refugees were sheltered. These centres were run jointly by Indians and Burmese.

COMMONWEALTH HAS A NEW DEAL

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FORMS OF MEMBERSHIP WERE IRKSOM TO SOME OF ITS MEMBERS, A HANDICAP TO THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION, AND A POTENTIAL POLITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND OPPOSITIONS.

To have settled this matter without bringing the King and the Throne, standing as they do above our differences and disputes, into our politics is itself a great achievement. From the Crown nothing has been lost that had not already departed. On the contrary, its stature has been enhanced and ennobled by the emergence of the King as the head of a free Commonwealth of Nations of different race and clime, choosing their own forms of Government and spanning the world with friendship and a joint endeavour for peace and welfare.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

AUCTION SALE OF TOBACCO,

DETAILS OF STORES:—	Caapstain Navy Cut 14881½ lbs. Ogdens Coolie cut 8787 lbs. Ogdens Broad cut 600 lbs.
CONDITION:—	Fit, packed in 4 oz tins 200 tins in wooden case.
PLACE:—	Station Supply Depot Deolali.
DATE & TIME:—	14th May, 1949, at 11-30 A.M.
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Further particulars can be had from the auctioneers.

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CITY FATHERS DISCUSS BIRTH CONTROL

Whole-Hearted Support By Congress And Socialists

BOMBAY, Friday

A suggestion that all capitalists should be sterilized, made by a member in the Bombay Municipal Corporation today, drew peals of laughter from all sections of the House. The member was speaking on a Congress-sponsored resolution on birth-control, which gave rise to a lively and interesting debate, punctuated by sallies and repartees. Party affiliations were temporarily forgotten and the resolution was whole-heartedly supported by the Socialist group. Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor, was in the chair.

The resolution which was moved by Miss Perin Nariman (Congress) urged upon the Municipal Commissioner to consider and report on the desirability of carrying on birth control propaganda among the mothers in confinement in the municipal maternity homes, so as to help them with proper instructions in the use of scientific contraceptive methods.

Miss Nariman stated that if the economic standard of the labouring classes was to be improved, it was necessary to call a halt to large families and to regulate the size of the average worker's family. The resolution was a step in that direction and was meant to maintain the health of mothers and newly-born children. Knowledge of birth control, she said, woul also help raising their standard of living.

ADVERSE EFFECTS

Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas moved an amendment to the effect that the matter be referred to the Medical Relief Committee for further consideration. He contended that birth control led to an increase in sexual appetite resulting into marital unhappiness. The experience of western countries in this regard was bitter. The use of contraceptives had shattered many a happy home there.

Dr. Mascarenhas further argued that limitation of population would limit the struggle for existence, which was the essence of life, and which was necessary for the progressive growth of society. He feared that any artificial control of population would lead to the degeneration of society.

Mr. G. G. Mehta welcomed the resolution as a progressive measures which would go a long way in ameliorating the condition of the working classes. The population of the country was increasing by leaps and bounds. Illiteracy was the lot of the Indian worker. Nor had he any spiritual background. Under those circumstances he could not be expected to practise self-control. The only remedy, therefore, was to teach him the use of contraceptive development of Indian society.

Mr. Homi J. H. Talyarkhan said there could be no comparison between India and any western country in the matter of birth control. India's case was totally different.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT

Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kader moved another amendment. This was to the effect that the resolution be referred to a Special Committee of the House. Later the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha urged that the question be considered only from the economic point of view, and no place be given to sentiment. The population of the country was increasing in geometrical progression. There was an annual increase of about half a crore, without any corresponding expansion of economic resources. This gave rise to an intolerable situation. Something was, therefore, to be done to limit the size of the family, and he, therefore, welcomed the resolution.

NEED OF THE HOUR

Mr. Dinkar Desai pleaded that the Corporation should spent a substantial amount on the propagation of the methods of birth control. Birth control was the need of the hour, and, barring the priestly and capitalist classes, it was supported by the whole city. Religion was the opium of the masses, and the sentimental opposition of the priestly class was therefore to be discountenanced. He Akhter further urged that the Corporation should give free appliances and contraceptives to the poorer sections of the city. He also urged for the creation of a Birth Control Department.

Mr. Desai strongly recommended sterilization for limiting the size of the family among the poorer classes of society.

Mrs. Sulochana Modi, who supported the resolution, called birth control as the most "adequate control."

Mr. Mirza Husein appealed for the consideration of the moral aspect of the question. He thought birth control was against the will of God. "It was selfish, even criminal, to prevent human beings from coming into this world", he argued.

Dr. Narvane said that it was impossible to limit population by birth control.

Dr. R. D. Bhandare suggested that all the capitalists should be sterilized.

After prolonged discussion, Dr. Mascarehnas' amendment referring the matter to the Medical Relief Committee case a substantive proposition.

ADVERTISEMENT RACKET SMASHED

Police Arrested "Company" Proprietor

BOMBAY, Friday.

Another "advertisement racket" was smashed by the General Branch of the Bombay C. I. D. when a proprietor of an allegedly bogus concern, who inserted fake advertisement in well-known upcountry newspapers and duped several persons was arrested this morning.

It was stated that Ram Awtar Gupta, described as proprietor of the National Import Company at 33, Curry Road, was placing advertisements in mofussil papers inviting applications for travelling agents to sell commodities for a famous importing firm of Bombay. Tempted by the attractive terms of the advertisements, several persons answered and furnished Rs. 100 as surety. The applicants were dismayed when they did not get any appointment nor any further communication from the alleged advertiser.

Some of the victimised applicants lodged complaints with the police and the matter was later taken up by the Bombay C. I. D. After preliminary investigations, the General Branch C. I. D. officials headed by Inspector Hankine and Sub-Inspector Dalvi arrested Gupta in his small office at Curry Road.

The police have not yet assessed the amount involved but it is estibated that it runs into several thousands.

The accused is on bail and will be put up before a court tomorrow.

ATTEMPT TO CHEAT ALLEGED

In an alleged attempt to cheat a local merchant of a bag of sugar, Damji Celji fell into the clutches of the law.

It was stated before Mr. James Menezes Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court today, that the accused posed as the agent of a city businessman, and tried to induce the merchant to part with a bag of sugar saying it was required by his employer. The merchant's suspicions being roused, he made enquiries and discovered that Velji was neither employed by the businessman nor had the sugar been asked for. The Dongri Police who were immediately notified arrived on the scene and arrested the accused. Velji was ordered to be released on bail, pending enquiries by the police.

ARRESTED WHILE ESCAPING WITH CASH

Shafi Baptali, who was escaping in a hack victoria last night with cash, ornaments and cloth which had been stolen from a house in Nagpada, was arrested by a police constable on surveillance patrol in the area of Surti Mohalla.

The accused was produced before Mr. James Menezes, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court today, when he was ordered to be released on bail pending further enquiries by the police.

EDUCATION IN BOMBAY MAKES RAPID STRIDES

3,000 More Institutions Added During 1947-48

SCHOOLS PROVIDED FOR 14,104 VILLAGES AND TOWNS

Education in Bombay province made great strides in the year 1947-48, which saw the number of educational institutions increased by 2,919 to 26,910 and that of pupils by 460,954 to 2,575,859. Of the 21,657 towns and villages in the province, 14,104 possessed schools, the average area served by a school being 5.4 square miles as against 5.7 in the preceding year.

The percentage of male scholars under instruction in all kinds of institutions to the male population was 16.71 as against 14.18 in the preceding year, the corresponding percentage of female scholars being 7.65 and 5.79.

The total number of pupils under instruction in recognised institutions increased by 466.556 to 2,557,701. Of these, 467,898 were advanced, 1,539,172 Intermediate (including Muslims), 392,684 Backward 153,552 Others and 4,395 Anglo-Indians and Europeans.

EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Direct expenditure on public instruction increased by Rs. 176.5 lakhs to Rs. 10,19.8 lakhs and indirect expenditure by Rs. 63.4 lakhs to 180.2 lakhs. The total expenditure on Public Instruction which amounted to Rs. 12,00,00,773 was met from the following sources:

	Amount Rs.	Percentage
Government Funds	6,00,81,583	50.0
Board Funds	1,59,24,204	13.3
Fees	3,04,63,888	25.4
Other Sources	1,35,31,098	11.3
Total	12,00,00,773	100.0

The expenditure on Primary education was about Rs. 553.3 lakhs, exclusive of expenditure on inspection, buildings, equipment etc.

The total expenditure on the University, excluding that on individual colleges but including the Department of Technology and the Department of Economics and Sociology of the University itself, was over Rs. 32.9 lakhs.

INCREASE IN COLLEGE STUDENTS

The number of students in the 36 Arts and Science Colleges, including the University School of Economics and Sociology, increased by 3,205 to 27,654, of whom 5,263 were women, as against 4,616 in the preceding year. The total expenditure on all Arts Colleges was over Rs. 75.1 lakhs.

PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES

The total number of students in the 29 Professional colleges increased by 1,362 to 9,224 of whom 1,321 were studying for Law, 2,007 for Medicine, 768 for Engineering, 880 for Agriculture, 3,559 for Commerce, 281 for Technology, 295 for Teaching and 113 for Veterinary.

EDUCATION IN ARTS

There were 666 students in the Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay, of whom 156 attended the Reay Art Work shops. The School of Drawing and Design at Ahmedabad had 33 students and the School of Art, Dharwar, 37 students.

TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

The number of these schools increased by two to 109 and the number of pupils in them also increased by 1,622 to 8,674. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 335.557 to Rs. 16.53 lakhs.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

The number of Secondary schools increased by 18 to 1,199 and the number of pupils by 23,581 to 308,541. The following table gives details for High and Middle schools:—

	Number of schools	Number of pupils
High schools for Boys	486	227,266
High schools for Girls	117	36,171
Middle schools for Boys	529	39,442
Middle schools for Girls	67	5,662
Total	1,199	308,541

The total expenditure on Secondary schools increased by Rs. 34.2 lakhs to Rs. 257.8 lakhs.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

At the end of the year, there were 21,084 Primary Schools with 2,078,913 children, showing an increase of 2,092 schools and 413,871 pupils. The number of girls showed an increase of some 173,000.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The following table gives details of Primary schools by managements:—

	Schools	Pupils
Government	33	4,823
District Local Board	11,135	1,158,306
Municipal	1,930	486,893
Aided	7,826	412,627
Unaided	166	16,264
Total	21,084	2,078,913

The total direct expenditure on Primary schools was over Rs. 553.3 lakhs, as against Rs. 454.6 lakhs in 1946-47. Of this Rs. 354.9 lakhs was met from Government funds, 18.1 lakhs from District Local Board funds, Rs. 121.4 lakhs from Municipal funds, Rs. 28.6 lakhs from fees and Rs. 30.3 lakhs from other sources.

There were 3,830 schools and classes for adults attended by 96,501 adults.

TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

There were 59 training Institutions for men and 33 for women, with 5,788 and 2,009 students respectively. Of the 92 Training Institutions, 36 with 3,568 students were under public management and 56 with 4,229 students under private management.

INTERMEDIATE AND BACKWARD CLASSES

The following table gives the number of pupils of the Intermediate and Backward Classes under instructions in various kinds of recognised institutions:

	1946-47	1947-48
Intermediate (including Muslims).	1,250,800	1,539,172
Backward Classes	261,945	392,684

CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

Of the three Certified schools, the one at Yeravda, with 385 pupils, is maintained by the Government, while the David Sassoon Industrial School, Matunga, Bombay, with 305 pupils, is under the control of a Committee of Management, and the Children's Home, Chembur, with 319 pupils, is maintained by the Children's Aid Society.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS

The only Reformatory School in this Province is the Borstal School, Dharwar, maintained by the Government. It had 233 pupils.

Godown Fire Put Out In 20 Minutes

BOMBAY, Friday.

Within twenty minutes, the Bombay firemen extinguished a small fire, which broke out in a closed godown at Mint Road.

The fire broke out at 3-10 p.m. in the godown of Thakoredas Hiralal, a cement and tiles merchant. The godown was stacked with waste gunny bags and paper. Three fire engines put out the fire in twenty minutes.

The cause of the fire is not known. **The damage is estimated to be very little.**

SENSATIONAL THEFT FROM MAIL VAN

Alleged Culprit Offers "Prasad" To Temple And Distributes Sweets

MOST OF STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED FROM UNDER HEAP OF REFUSE

BOMBAY, Friday:

PEDESTRIANS PASSING ALONG THE CLUB BACK ROAD NEAR BOMBAY CENTRAL ON WEDNESDAY EVENING WERE INTRIGUED TO FIND A SMALL PARTY OF RAILWAY POLICE OFFICIALS ASSIDUOUSLY SEARCHING IN A ROADSIDE 'KACHRA' HEAP.

THEIR CURIOSITY GREW INTO WONDERMENT WHEN THEY FOUND THE POLICE TURN THE KACHRA UPSIDE DOWN AND FISH OUT OF THE HEAP, A CHEQUE FOR RS. 22,000 IN FAVOUR OF THE UNITED MALWA MILLS, A BANK DRAFT FOR RS. 5,000, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OF THE VALUE OF RS. 11,000 AND FIVE EMPTY INSURED ENVELOPES AND A REGISTERED PARCEL.

All these had been stolen from a mail van the previous day while the van was taking mails from the General Post Office to the Bombay Central. Also stolen was Rs. 3,609 in cash which had been enclosed in the insured envelopes.

Guiding the police in their salvage operations from the 'kachra' heap was Vasudeo Dharamsi, a postal packet at the G.P.O. who was allegedly responsible for the removal of the articles and who had been brought under arrest by the police to show the place where he had thrown away, what he did not take.

In the brief 24 hours between the disappearance of the articles and the arrest of the alleged thief, Vasudeo the police stated, had a gay life.

He had gone off first, like a truly religious person to the Mumbadevi temple and offered 'prasad' of five rupees. He next bought a packet of sweets for Rs. 25 and lavishly distributed it among his friends. Next morning, he is reported to have gone to the market and purchased two gold bangles for his wife, a gold ring for himself, new cloth worth nearly a hundred rupees and a gramophone for Rs. 322 for the family entertainment. And lastly he walked to the G.P.O. and deposited Rs. 1,000 in his account.

It was this last act of boldness that is stated to have been the immediate cause of his arrest. The police who were already on the alert did not hesitate to catch him after that.

SENSATIONAL DISAPPEARANCE

The story of the sensational disappearance of five insured covers and a registered packet totally valued at very nearly Rs. 32,000, started on Tuesday May 3 at 7-45 p.m. when the Royal Mail van BMX 2529 with seventy bags of mail started for the Bombay Central. The driver and the delivery clerk, Mofatlal Mehta sat in the front seat. Vasudeo, it is stated, asked for a lift and got into the van. Before the van entered the Central station he got down, thanked them for the lift and walked off. The bags were carried to Number three platform to be loaded on to the 19 down Meerut Express.

While taking delivery of the articles, the head sorter of the railway van noticed that one of the bags was torn at the bottom. He promptly reported the matter to R.M.S. Inspector Pathan and the Railway Mail Agent. The bag was opened in their presence and the articles were found missing.

Sub-Inspector C. A. Varawala and Sub-Inspector A. M. Nandi took charge of the investigations. Except for the small sums spent on 'prasad' and sweets, the rest of the money was traced and seized either in cash or tow whatever article it had been converted—clothes, bangles, ring and gramophone. A sum of Rs. 1,600 was recovered from Purushottam, a tram conductor (No. 830 B), said to be a friend of Vasudeo. Another sum of Rs. 300 was recovered from Vasant Pheriwala and a third sum of Rs. 200 from yet another friend, Gnaneshwar. Even the blade used to cut the mail bag open has been recovered.

Pending further inquiries, Vasudeo has been remanded into custody till **May 17, by a city magistrate.**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

Tenders are invited for the purchase and removal of various items of "Harness and Saddlery", located at the Albion Depot, Budge Budge, near Calcutta. Tenderers should quote a lump-sum figure for the entire lot.

Tenders should be submitted in the prescribed forms which can be obtained from the Disposals Offices at New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Kanpur and Madras, at Rs. 5/- (non-refundable) per set.

Tender forms (non-transferable) contain full particulars of stores, instructions to tenderers, tender opening date, conditions of sale and inspection permit.

Applications for export licences, if any, from the purchaser, will be recommended to the export Department concerned.

Tenders should be addressed to the Director (United States Transfers), 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta and should reach him by 4 P.M on June 6, 1949.

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BOMBAY Stock Exchange

RENEWED SELLING IN TATA STEEL SHARES

BOMBAY, May 6.

The local Share Bazar was quiet today with increased selling in Steel shares. Various constructions are placed against the recent increase in iron and steel prices. The oversold conditions needed correction and Tata Steel Defds. recovered upto Rs. 1,400 level and at this level all urgent. But short interest was covered up and there was less buying urge. Thus the market is now developing an easier tendency which is in normal condition may be said a natural reaction but some ardent bears feel that the main trend is down and new lower levels will be reached ultimately. Such ideas are discouraging buyers.

Tata Steel Defds. opened today at Rs. 1,370 and after improving at Rs. 1,375 gradually declined at Rs. 1,355. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 276 and after advancing at Rs. 277 declined at Rs. 274 Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 953 and after advancing at Rs. 955 quietened at Rs. 952. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 282 and later were done at Rs. 281. Svadeshi shares opened at Rs. 294 and were quoted at Rs. 293. Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 292 and declined at Rs. 288. Scindia shares opened at Rs. 14-10 and declined at Rs. 14-7.

Thereafter there was scattered covering and Tata Steel Defds. improved at Rs. 1,367 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 276-8. Indian Irons were done at Rs. 22-12 while Bengal Steels were quoted at Rs. 18-14. Central India shares were placed at Rs. 245 and Simplex shares were done at Rs. 174-8

TATA STEEL DEFDS. RECOVER

After the official close there was better feeling in the market and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted Rs. 1,365.

Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 955. Belapurs stood at Rs. 193-12 and Associated Cements changed hands at Rs. 140-10.

Towards the close there was renewed selling and Tata Steel Defds after declining at Rs. 1,345 rallied at Rs. 1,355. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 274 while Bombay Dyeings declined at Rs. 950 and steadied at Rs. 951-4. Closing tone of the market was quiet with increased offerings on rallies.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	953 12
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	281 0
Svadeshi Mills (1-4) XD	292 0
Central India Mills (4)	245 0
Simplex Mills (3)	174 0
New Great Eastern (8)	161 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	146 4
Gokak Mills (12) XD	269 0
Century Spinning (15)	271 4
Colaba (12)	125 0
India Bleaching (6)	150 0
Swan Mills (20)	317 0
Finlay Mills (15) XD	234 0
Morarji Gokuldas	450 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	198 12
Meyer (12)	111 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3-1-6
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	11 0
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 9 6
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 0
Podar (8)	136 4
Khatau Makanji (5)	198 12
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (4)	273 12
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1353 12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	143 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	140 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	287 8
Belapur Sugar (9)	194 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	23 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14 8
Premier Construction	88 8
Tata Chemical	9 6
Tata Oil (2)	58 0
India Iron (0-12)	22 10
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	18 12
British India Corp. (0-9)	7 14
1 Copper	2-0-3
Wimco	178 0
Alcock	243 12
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1465 0
Andhra Valley (30)	1402 8
Tata Hydro (3)	149 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61 8
Phoenix	197 8
Indian Mfg.	4150 0
Kurla	107 8
New City	180 0
Minerva (12)	111 4
Bradbury	425 0
Bharat Mills (2)	29 12
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 4
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 8
Model Mills (12-8)	185 10
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	635 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	210 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	8 4
Western India (40)	4370 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	55 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	265 10
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	29 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	160 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	281 4
Victoria Mills	225 0
New Great New	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (4-8)	123 12
Ahmedabad New	45 0
Surat Electric (2-8)	145 0
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10 10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6 6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12-8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	146 4
Bombay Suburban (3) XR	130 0
BANK SH	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1802 8
Imperial Bank of India P.P (8-12)	440 0
Central Bank	83 8
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 8
Bank of Baroda (2-8) XD	129 0
Union (0)	7 8
Bank of India (4)	184 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (-8)	51 0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-8)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125)	5100 0
Empire (10)	625 0
New India (1)	59 8
Jupiter (1-4)	16 0
Vulcan (0-10)	11 8
Indian Mercantile 2)	32 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 12
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	6 2
New Great	25 0
All India General	15 10
RAILWAY SHARES	
C.P. (1-14)	111 8
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120 4

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	262 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	106 4
Burma Petrol	1 5 4
Mackenzie (6)	65 0
Port Canning (3)	69 4
Kemp and Co. (30)	410 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12) XD	90 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	39 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	191 4
Supreme India X.R	
Jam Wire (6)	67 4
Bombay Uganda	60 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	30 0
Indian Cement (1937)	18 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (E.S.)	131 4
Associated Cement New (3)	136 8
United Motor	32 0
Bombay Safe Deposit '27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	191 14
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1280 0
Hydro Electric (7)	125 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 4
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	640 0
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	112 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	102 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	121 4
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 0
Morarji	108 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Rume Pipe (6)	101 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	105 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 3 0
New Victoria Mill	2 2
New Victoria Mills (Pref)	4 12
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	105 0
Gold Mohur (20)	312 8
New Kaiser-Hind	380 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	160 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	265 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	270 0
Air Service	5 12
Air India	84 0
Hind Motor	3-14-6
India Steam	6 15

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, May 6.

There was no forward business today in the local cotton market as prices were above the ceiling level.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton July contract is 868 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, May 5.

KARNAK		
July	.....	66.65—70
Nov.	.....	57.95—55
ASHMOUNI		
June	.....	46.90—43
Oct.	.....	46.60—45

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, May 6.

The produce market was quiet under scattered selling. There was restricted business.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	37	12	0
Coromandal	37	0	0
Bold ready	36	5	0
Bold April-May	36	8	0
Bold June-July	36	10	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	27	0	0
LINSEED—			
Ready	31	0	0
April-May	30	10	0
June-July	29	10	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready	20	10	0
Ready receipts	20	4	0
May	20	5	0
June	20	7	0
July	20	9	0
Linseed oil	18	12	0
Castorseed oil first pressing quality	17	8	0
Castorseed of commercial quality	18	8	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, May 6.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	7	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1956	99	10	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	96	4	0
3 per cent non-terminable	98	8	0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	98	10	6
3 per cent 1949-52	100	4	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	5	0
3 per cent 1953-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	1	0
3 per cent 1959-61	100	14	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	7	0
3 per cent 1965-68	100	2	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	12	
4 per cent 1960-70	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	102	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	104	14	
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2 3/4 per cent U.P. 1961	97	10	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	12	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	10	0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	97	4	0
3 per cent U.P. 1961-66	100	0	0
4 per cent B.P.T.	110	12	0
4 per cent B. Municipality	110	8	0
5 per cent B. Municipality 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent B. Municipal 1954	114	4	0
3 per cent B. Municipal 1950-60	107	0	0

Customs And Excise Revenue

Indian Sea and Land customs and Central Excise revenue was as under:—

Customs duties

	Rs.
March	1949—107,413,000
Customs duties March	1948—637,190,000
Protective duties March	1949—748,400,0
Protective duties March	1948—422,700,0
Export duties March	1949—132,010,00
Export duties March	1948—285,340,00
Land customs March	1949—212,500,0
Land customs March	1948—222,800,0
Excise revenue	
Excise revenue March	1949—313,580,00
March	1948—466,180,00

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, May 6.

Tata Ordinary 273/12; Tata Deferred 1353/12; Indian Iron 22/11; Steel Corpn of Bengal 18/12; Bombay Dyeing 953/12; Central India 245; Gokak 269/6, Kohinoor 281/4; Simplex 174; Svadeshi 292/8; Tata Power 1465; Associated Cement 140/10; Belapur 194/6; Bombay Burma (Old) 287/8; Scindia 14/8; Central Bank 83/8; New India 59/8; Tata 2nd Pref. 143/12.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, May 6.

MILLS

Apollo 3-2 3-1-6.
Bharat 30 29-12.
B. Dyeing 955 52-8 55 50-10 53-12.
C. India 244-8 45.
C. Pref. 625.
Century 270 71-4.
Colaba 124 125.
E. Textiles 198-12.
Finlay 253 54.
Gokak 269-8 69.
I. U. Defd. 1-10 1-9-6.
I. U. Ord. 11-1 11-2 11.
Indore 142-8 46-4.
Kohinoor 282 82-12 82-4 82-8 80-12 81
Laxmi 635 40 30 35.
Meyer 111-4.
Minerva 111-4.
New Great 151.
Simplex 174-8 74.
Svadeshi 294 93 94 91-8 92.
Tata Mills 55.
Vishnu 215 16-4 10.

STEAMER

B. Steam 262-8.
Scindia 14-12 14-5-6 14-7 14-5 14-8.

BANKS

Baroda 129-8.
Central 84-12 83-8.
Central New 83-8.
Imperial Old 1802-8.
Imperial New 440.
India 184-8, 85.
Union 7-7.
U. Commercial 51.

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 122/8 25 23/12
Andhra Valley 1395 1402/8
Hydro 147/8 49
Hydro Pref. 125
Power 1460 65

INSURANCE

New India 58/4 59/8
I. Mercantile 32/8

STEEL

B. Steel 18/14 18/12
I. Iron 22/11 22/12 22/11
Tata Defd. 1375 65 72/8 45 57/8 52/8 57/8 53/12
Tata Ord. 276/8 75/8 76/8 73/8 74/8 73/12
Tata IInd Pref. 143/8 43/12

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 245 43/12
A.C.C. Old 141/4 40 40/8 40 40/8
A.C.C. New 137/4 36 36/8
Belapur 194 93 94
B.B. Old 291/4 92/8 87/8 88/2 87/8
B.B. New 107/8 10 5 6/4
B.B. Petrol 1/5/9
B.I.C. 7/15
I. Copper 2/0/6
P. Const. 91 87/8 88/8
Kemp 406/4 12/8 10
Shivrajpur 25 23/8
Tata Chem. 9/9 9/6
Tata Oil 57/12 58
Wimco 180 78/12

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GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, May 6.

The local bullion market was fairly firm to-day under further buying by professional operators.

A syndicate of 11 operators has decided to take up all tenders at the settlement and are pushing up silver prices. The market is manipulated and bears also are making all efforts to deliver available stock. In the mean time shorts are becoming nerveres and they are forced to pay a reberse Budia difference of Rs. 4/- per 100 tolas to carry over sales to the next settlement.

To-day forward silver market opened at Rs. 181/8 and sharply advanced at Rs. 182/14 on active buying by bulls and short covering. Thereafter there was scattered realising and the market declined at Rs. 182/6 ready silver was offered at a discount of annas eight at Rs. 181/14.

Forward gold opened at Rs. 114/4 and advanced at Rs. 114/14 in sympathy with improvement in silver but later reacted at Rs. 114/10. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 115/10 and Sovereigns were done at Rs. 74/4.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	182	4	0
Silver Vaishakh	182	14	0
Gold Ready	115	8	0
Gold Vaishakh	114	12	0

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BOMBAY, May 6.

120 Italy Ready	3	5	0
150 Italy Ready	2	10	10 0
120 Japan Ready	3	8	0
150 Italy Ready	3	10	0
150 D. Box May	744	0	0
150 D. Box June	754	0	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, May 5.

B C Rates T T D D 1-5 15/16 Ready.
B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/5 1/32 to 9th Month
London Banks Buying T T 1/5 9/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/5 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D D 1/5 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/5 1/5 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/5 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/5 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/5 3/16 7th—9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/5 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/5 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/5 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rate T T Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs. 323 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs 8100
Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs 8320
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T Fl. 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D Gds 79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs 157
Manila Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 165 1/4
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs 52, 57-53, 43 London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40; London-Belgium Cross Rat Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate Kr. 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16 London/Iran Cross date Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Ratio dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 1096-1098; London-Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 17.34-36.
London Discts 3 Mos 5/8 p c; London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p c
Reserve: Bank Rate 3 p c; Bank of England Rate 2 p c.
Money:—Call 3/4 pc; 3 Mos 1 p c; 6 Mos 1-1/4 p c; 12 Mos 1-1/2 p c.
Tone:—Shade Easier.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

The following is the statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 29th April:—

	Rs.
Demand Libilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	33,29,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	587,116,21,000
Time Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	11,00,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	286,70,71,000
Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	32,70,27,000
(ii Rupee Coin	68,99,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	53,39,84,000
Advances in India	490,55,96,000
Bills discounted in India	17,82,23,000

BOMBAY LIFE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Life Underwriters' Association was held on Monday, under the Chairmanship of Major S. R. Bamji. The Annual Report and the Audited Accounts of the Association were passed. The Year showed a fairly good increase in the membership of the Association but the President requested the members to make more efforts in enrolling other agents. After the passing of the Accounts, the work of electing the New Office-bearers was taken up. Mr. B. M. Chainmini was unanimously elected the President for the current year and Mr. K. Appa Rao was elected as the Vice-President. Mr. S. J. Antia and Mr. M S. M. Pavri were then elected as the Joint Honorary Secretaries and Mr. R. M. Killavalla was elected as the Honorary Treasurer. After that 11 members of the Managing Committee were elected. There being no other work the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Evening Up In May Delivery Features Cotton Market

NEW YORK, May 5.

Cotton traders crowded all action into the last hour on the New York Cotton Exchange today. Evening up in the expiring May delivery remained the chief trading feature. The final burst of covering in May supplemented the broader demand in July from exporters anticipating sales to Britain France and Italy.

The fairsized offerings in May by leading spot interests at 100 points over July were readily snapped up by shorts in a late upward push. Technicians, who recently were fearful of a "squeeze" in May, appeared less apprehensive today. They felt the open interest would be whittled down to manageable proportions in the remaining 6-1/2 sessions before the position expires. But they were still mindful that "anything can happen in the spot month" and indicated the situation would still "bear watching."

Open contracts in May dropped overnight 47,000 bales to 186,800. New crop months lagged on the upswing feeling weight of the trade selling against May and July purchases in the process of transferring hedge positions forward.

Farmers were using a better grade of seed with a great many concentrating on one variety. A survey said that for this season the staple should be well over an inch this year provided weather conditions were near normal.

The market opened one to three lower, see-sawed indefinitely until the last hour on routine liquidation and hedge selling with excess slack taken up on trade and shipper buying. A final push carried old crops up one dollar per bale from lows closing the market six to 18 higher

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS

New York, May 5.

May	33.75+18
July	32.76+18
July Highest	32.79+19
July Lowest	32.58—02
October	29.20+06
December	29.00+06
March	28.92+07
Middling Spot	33.90+13

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, May 5.

May	33.66+14
July	32.69+16
October	29.15+09
December	28.96+10
Middling Spot	32.85+10

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, May 5 (UPA): Black pepper futures closed inactive and unchanged to 200 points higher on the New York Produce Exchange today.

Dealers reported trading stalemate in the spot market. Buying interest was practically non-existent while sellers remained equally indifferent about offerings. Unless some unexpected developments occur, some quarters felt the present lull would hold until after the annual convention of American spice traders in Chicago from May 9 to 11.

Spot Lampong afloat and shipment positions through June/July were held at 85 cents nominal. Continued firmness in India has discouraged short selling and removed the customary discount for later delivery, one broker commented.

Closing prices included:

May	82
July	81
September	80
October	79
December	72
January	61
March	50

MCCARRAN WANTS FREE MARKET FOR GOLD

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UPA): Senator Pat McCarran, Democrat of Nevada, today called for Congressional approval of his bill to revive free gold market which would allow private citizens to sell gold at the highest prices that they could get.

In a statement to the Senate Banking Committee, McCarran said that a free market for gold "would facilitate formulation of a sound monetary policy and promote domestic and international stability."

NEW YORK STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK, May 5.

Prices slipped back to the same old rut on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday. Even the long awaited settlement of the Berlin blockade failed to snap the market out of its lethargy for more than a day. Trading was quiet. The market opened on a better note but this mild early rise in prices was short-lived and the list soon turned irregular. Wall Street quarters attributed the mixed pattern in prices to "profit taking" because of the recent rise in prices.

Investors indicated that despite the lifting of the blockade there are other serious issues confronting the nation such as the deflationary movement now in the making. Bearing this out was the statement by Edwin C. Nourse, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, in which he expects a further drop in the cost of living. He conceded however that most of the recent drops in wholesale prices had not yet "trickled down" to the consumer. He said that prices are continuing to decline but not on a demoralized basis.

Stock sales totalled 920,000 shares, curb sales amounted to 240,000; the turnover in bonds came to dol. 2,660,-000.

Dow Jones average closings included: Industrials, 176.33; rails, 47.52; utilities, 35.89; bonds 98.57.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, May 5.

American Telephone and Telegraph	142-1/4
Amerex Holding Co.	27
Anaconda Copper Mining	29-1/8
Chase National Bank	33-5/8
Sinclair Oil	23
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	48-3/8
General Electric Co.	37-7/8
General Motors	59
Ingersol Rand ex. div.	61
International Nickel	28-1/8
National City Bank of New York	39-1/2
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11-3/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-1/8
Texas Corporation	55-3/8
Union Carbide	38-1/8
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	44-1/4
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	72-1/4
Western Union Telegraph	15-3/8

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO. May 5.

May 2.20.
July 1.93-1/4
September 1.93-3/8.
December 1.95-1/2.

NEW YORK SILVER.

NEW YORK, May 5.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY May 6.

S. S. PORT SAID

From Alexandria: 10,196 bales cotton. 28 bales cotton yarn.

From Genoa: 40 cases rayon tissues. 61 cases buttons, 50 bales cotton yarn 77 cases auto spare parts. 41 cases elements for a prefabricated house. 35 cases clocks. 81 cases olive oil. 341 bales overissued newspapers. 489 cases art silk yarn.

From Naples: 500 bags almonds.

From Aden: 93 drums old empty. 25 bales cotton piecegoods, 35 bundles copper brass scrap. 42 packages brass scraps. 43 packages copper scraps.

EXPORTS

S. S. KALAVATI

To Karachi: 100 bundles beedi leaves—Narandas B. Kapad. 7 bundles beedi leaves—T. Bhikabhai. 8 cases beeds—S. L. Beediwalla. 50 bags hirakasi Gulam Mohamad Oomer. 8 bdls sandalwood chips—B. K. Navgal. 25 bags gum karaya—M. H. Abdul Karim. 15 bags gum Dharada—Fate-Mohamad Haji Khermohamad.

S. S. RIZWANI

To Aden: 50 bundles bidi leaves—Moosa Manomed Adenwalla. 5 cases papad khar—H. Gokuldas & Co. 6 bales cotton waste—F. T. Attaree.

To Jeddah: 5 bales cotton fly—S. A Mistri & Co., Ltd. 5 bales cotton fly—A. A. Kader. 7 bales cotton handloom waste dorries—Indo-Burma Trading Corporation. 10 bundles cassia ligma—Heoatbhoy Abdeali.

S. S. KAMPALA

To Daressalaam: 25 bales cassia—D. Velji & Co.

To Zanzibar: 5 bags earth, 1 bag kapur kachli—Pandya & Co

To Mombasa: 6 cases utensils—S. Amrutlal & Bros 175 bales cassia—D. Velji & Co.

S. S LINDEKER

To Aden: 6 bales cotton waste—The Bombay Textile Waste Co.

To London: 5 bales sheepskings tanned — Fakirmahomed Janmohamed.

To Antwerp: 155 bales cotton waste—M. Chandulal & Co.

S. S CIRCASSIA

To Liverpool: 12 bales hemp—Mohamedbhai Dawoodbhai. 317 bales wool raw—Rallis India Ltd.

S. S. PRESIDENT BUCHANAN

To Genoa: 121 bags gum karaya—C. Bhoglal.

To New York: 100 bags sandalwood —Sorabji Nowroji & Co.

S. S. VIRGINIA MAY

To Karachi: 60 cases washing soap —Jawahir Trading Co. (India). 15 cases medicine—The Zona Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works Ltd.

S S. DARA

To Karachi: 5 cases office forms—Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd.

S. S. MARTIN CARL

To Karachi: 40 bundles cane sticks —E. K. Moidoo.

S. S JALA AZAD

To Liverpool: 12 cartons glass ware —Dass & Co.

S. S STAVELOT

To Antwerp: 717 bags myrabollams —C. Jivanlaj & Co.

S. S TARANTIA

To Liverpool: 8 cases agarbatti and dhoop sticks—Chellsons Ltd.

S. S. CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

To Liverpool: 101 bales cotton waste—M. Chandulal & Co.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAYY, May 6.

ARRIVALS

S. S. DAYBEAM from Yokohama with general cargo on May 6.

COULGORM from Alexandria with rice on May 5.

S. S. STRATHAIRD from Sydney with general cargo on May 5.

S. S. TRIANON from Gothenburg with general cargo on May 4.

DEPARTURES

S. S. PROTECTOR for Tuticorin with general cargo on May 5.

S. S. INDIAN EXPORTER for Calcutta with general cargo on May 5.

LANCASHIRE COTTON MILLS HARD HIT

MANCHESTER, May 5.

Lancashire cotton mills have been hard hit by the Government of India's ban on the export of raw cotton except to hard currency areas. This was officially admitted by the Government's bulk buying Raw Cotton Commission in a notification to all spinners using these growths.

"Negotiations at the Government level have failed to overcome the problem and now certain curtailment of supplies of Indian cotton in the future months must be expected."

One variety of supplies is stated to be barely sufficient to last till the end of the month. Efforts are being made to build up substitute stocks, presumably of lower grades American cotton, and in the meantime, spinners are cautioned to keep a close touch with the Commission before accepting contracts for yarns.

CHICAGO GRAINS MOVE IRREGULARLY IN BRISK TRADING

CHICAGO, May 5.

Grains moved irregularly in spasmodically brisk trading on the Chicago Board of Trade today.

May wheat rallied spiritedly at the finish on covering operations but later months eased on reports of welcome showers over the dry areas of American spring wheat territory. A slow cash demand and favourable crop news accounted for the fractional losses in corn.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, May 5

T. T. London:—

New York Selling 4.0275. Buying 4.0325; Montreal Selling 4.0275. Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34. Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, May 5 (UPA): White Muntok was today quoted at SS$330 and Black Lampong at SS$235 per picul of 133.3 lbs., fob.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, May 5 (UPA): The pepper market was extremely idle today with Singapore quoting black at 4/3 and white at 6/2.

Malabar was nominally quoted at 475.

U.S. COTTON GINNINGS

WASHINGTON May 4.

Final ginnings of the U.S. 1948 cotton crop totals 14,580,000 running bales, the Census Bureau announced to-day. The total in 500 pounds bales is 14,868,000.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, May 5.

	£.
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	31-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	106-3/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	113-9/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	103
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	93-1/2
National Bank of India	39-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,985.

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, May 5.

Silver Spot and Forward 43-1/2 d. Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-12-3.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, May 5.

Australian Wheat new crop 96 May-June.

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SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET RULES STEADY

Operators Book Profits In Dalal Street

(From Our Special Correspondent)
BOMBAY, May 6.

MONEY: The short-term money market continued steady with borrowers not as keen as in the previous few weeks. Inter-bank call money was quoted at 1 per cent. Three months deposits were placeable at 1 1/4 per cent. and six months' upto 1 1/2 per cent. per annum.

The weekly statements of the Reserve Bank of India, for the period ended 29th April 1949, show a further decline of Rs. 3.56 crores in the note circulation with a corresponding rise in the notes held in the Banking Department. Government deposits with the Reserve Bank are lower mainly due to a fall of Rs. 6.30 crores in the Central Government balances. Bankers' deposits are also down by Rs. 2.94 crores and Miscellaneous by Rs. 1.42 crores. Balances held abroad are further reduced by Rs. 5.82 crores, whilst Investments show a sharp fall of Rs. 8.38 crores.

The only noteworthy changes in the statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 29th April are an increase of Rs. 2.34 crores in Advances and a consequent fall of Rs. 3.07 crores in the cash holding of the Bank.

GILT-EDGED: The gilt-edged market ruled steady during the week and prices were maintained on moderate support in some selected scrips. 3 per cent. 1986 Conversion loan was quoted a shade higher at Rs. 98-10. Among dated loans, 2 1/2 per cent. 1961 loan stood around Rs. 96-9; 3 per cent. 1951/54 loan hardened to Rs. 101-6 and 3 per cent. 1953/55 loan to Rs. 101-10. Other loans were more or less unchanged in the absence of any enquiry.

EXCHANGE: There were no noteworthy features to report in the rupee-sterling exchange market which continued steady though dull. For inter-bank business, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of TT on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d. Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d. Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1/32d.

REDEMPTION OF 3% 1949/52 LOAN

The Government of India announced on 2nd May 1949 their intention to repay the whole of the 3 per cent. 1949/52 rupee loan at par on 1st August 1949 with interest due upto-date. The notice of repayment applies to this loan issued either as a counterpart of the 3 per cent. sterling loan 1949/52 in accordance with the Government of India notification of 22nd February 1940, or in terms of the Notification of 25th January 1941.

GOLD: Except for a slight easiness mid-week, the gold section of the bullion market maintained a steady poise throughout the week under review and prices moved within a narrow range, mainly due to the supply and demand being evenly matched. The quotation for ready gold, after improving to Rs. 115-12 on Monday, fell back briskly to Rs. 114-1 the next day, but later ruled steady around Rs. 115 till the close. The 12th May delivery gold which was quoted about Rs. 1-6 lower than the spot rate at the start later stood about 14 annas under owing to the proximity of the settlement date. The price of sovereigns also ruled steady around Rs. 74 in the wake of gold. Stocks of gold in the market are estimated at about 50,000 tolas, while both offtake and arrivals are said to have averaged about 5,000 tolas a day. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 115-12 and Rs. 114-1 for spot and Rs. 114-10 and Rs. 113 for 12th May delivery.

SILVER: The silver section witnessed a similar pattern of movement though the ease in this section was greater than in the case of gold, more due to a sudden falling-off in the upcountry demand. From the opening level of Rs. 182-8, the spot quotation gradually declined to Rs. 181-12 on Monday and slumped down to Rs. 178-8 the next day. Thereafter, the market gradually recovered to Rs. 182 on short-covering and closed at Rs. 181-11. The discount on 12th May delivery silver narrowed down from 8 annas to about 4 annas during the course of the week, whilst the carry-forward from the current to the 16th June delivery widened to as much as Rs. 3-4 on Thursday. Floating stocks of the white metal are estimated to be about 4,000 bars, whilst the offtake has dwindled further to about 100 bars a day. In the overseas markets, both the New York as well as the London silver quotations remained stationary at 71 1/2 cents and 43 1/2d. thoughout. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 182-15 and Rs. 178-8 for spot and Rs. 182-7 and Rs. 178-4 for 12th May settlement.

SHARES: A fairly steady undertone was manifest on the local stock exchange and on moderate bull support, prices of most scrips recorded a small recovery. At the higher level, however, operators were prone to booking profits.

Tata Defds. improved from the opening level of Rs. 1360 to Rs. 1407/8 but closed somewhat subdued at Rs. 1370 on profit-taking, whilst Ordinaries after touching Rs. 279 mid-week, declined at the close to Rs. 276. Amongst textiles, Bombay Dyeings were bid up from Rs. 947/8 to Rs. 962-8; Kohinoors steadies up from Rs. 280/8 to Rs. 284 and Swadeshis were quoted ex dividend at Rs. 293/8. Hydro-electrics were inclined to rule quieter, but Bank shares were in good demand at gradually hardening rates. Andhra Valleys were quoted at Rs. 1395 and Hydros at Rs. 147/8, whilst Tata Powers receded to Rs. 1453/12 in the absence of much support. Amongst Banks, Central Banks hardened to Rs. 84/8, while Imperial Bank, Fully Paids, were marked up from Rs. 1790 to Rs. 1806/4 and Bank of India's from Rs. 181 to Rs. 184-8. In the miscellaneous section, prices moved in sympathy with the speculative counters; Associated Cements after being quoted higher at Rs. 141/12 finished slightly lower at Rs. 140/8, whilst Belapurs which had improved to Rs. 204 during the week closed lower at Rs. 194. Scindia Steams and New India received small support at Rs. 14-4 and Rs. 58 respectively.

April Auctions Of Indian And Pakistan Wools At Liverpool

The third series of this year was held from 5th to 8th April with a total offering of 15,238 bales (9994 bales from India, 5244 bales from Pakistan). Of these 7764 bales were sold leaving 7474 bales held over. It is estimated that British Manufacaurers bought 6688 bales, the Continent 851 bales and America 225 bales.

The catalogues continued a large weight of Yellow Wools and Whites were in relatively short supply. Kandahar, Bibruk and especially Harnais were more numerous than of late but generally were scarce.

The following are the prices paid based on Liverpool Wool Brokers' Association's quotations:—

JORIA	Per lb. d.		d.
Superior White	37	to	40½
1st White	33½	"	36½
1st Yellow	28	"	36½
Light Grey	12½	"	26
Fawn	13	"	19
Dark Grey	10	"	14
Ginned	9½	"	18½
RAJPUTANA			
White	26	to	32½
Yellow	32	"	29
Grey	8	"	15
PESHAWAR			
White	27	to	35
Yellow	24	"	32½
Fawn and Grey	11	"	20
KANDAHAR			
Superior White	28	to	31
" Light Grey	18	"	26½
" Grey	12	"	15
Medium White	24	"	27½
" Grey	9	"	12½
HARNAI			
White	26	to	33
Grey	9	"	20
VICANERE			
Superior White	34	to	39½
" Pale Yellow	30½	"	37½
" Yelow	24	"	32
Average White	28	"	35½
" Yellow	21	"	29
Grey	9	"	16
Black	8	"	13
Ginned	8	"	13
BIBRUK			
White	28	to	32½
Grey	9½	"	19½
BEAWAR			
White	24	to	34
Yellow	16	"	30
Fawn and Grey	8	"	14
MARWAR			
White	20	to	29
Yellow	14	"	25
Grey	7½	"	11
VICANERE SKIN WOOL			
White	21	to	33
Yellow	16	"	28
COMMON BLACK AND GREY	2	to	6

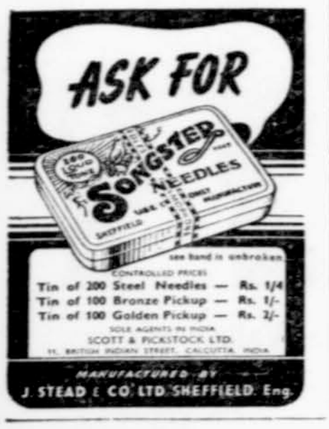
KARACHI COTTON MARKET

From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, May 6.

Sotton Sind N.T 91, Punjab 289, F. 94/8, L.S.S. 85/8, Four F 84. Market steady but f eatureless, Spot business 1377 bales. Export 8450 of which 250 for liverpool rest for Kobe. Total exports since first September 527605 bales of which 294650 for India rest for other foreign countries. Understand unused Indian quotas if not lifted by fifteenth instant will be allotted to Russia and continental countries.

Cottonseeds N.T. Ready 9/4, May 9/4/6, easy demand quiet. Exports 18700 bags for Bombay and Kathiawar.

Gold 104/4, sovereign 68/8, quiet.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LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON JULY
NEW YORK, May 6.

Previous Closing	32.78
Today's Opening	32.80
Difference	+2
Today's Closing	32.77
Difference	—1

LAST QUOTATIONS
BOMBAY, May 6.

	Rs. As.
Silver Vaishak	183 0
Silver Jeth	179 0
Gold Vaishak	114 12
Silver Bullion	182 10
Silver Mint	182 12
Gold Ready	115 12
Sovereign	74 8

Expectation:
Cotton Jarila May 625-8.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, May 6. (PTI-Reuter): Opening: Annaconda Copper Mining 29-1/8, General Motors 59-1/8, United States Steel Common 72-1/4. Pref. unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quietly Irregular Trend

LONDON, May 6. (P.T.I-Reuter). Operators on the London Stock Exchange are treating the lifting of the Berlin blockage with certain amount of caution. It is realised that the position cannot be fully cleared up before the meeting of the big four powers on May 23. Trading in all sections today was on a small scale and produced but a few features.

Great Britain's decision to send troops to Hongkong assisted far eastern banking issues. Hongkong and Shanghais were firm at 93-1/2.

Better prices among industrials included those for irons and steels and some leaders of the miscellaneous industrial group. Breweries registered small declines. Selling depressed for motors and followed the publication of the annual report of the company. Dealers were disappointed at the absence of any bonus issue and price lost one shilling at 51/6.

Profit-taking on the recent rise resulted in small losses among oils. Burmas were 1/32 off at 3-5/32.

Half point gains in Japanese were the result of speculative support. European loans were generally fractionally lower.

South African minings were slightly easier in very small trading, probably the smallest for some considerable time.

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, May 6: On the Calcutta Stock Exchange the more speculative shares kept steady while other stocks remained unchanged. Following are today's final transactions upto 1-45 p.m.:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent India Govt. Loan 1986 98-11, three per cent Loan 1959-61 101, three per cent Loan 1970-75 100, four per cent Loan 1960-70 110-5.

BANKS: Hindustan Commercial 22-8.

COALS: Bengal 402, Bharat 6-8, Burrakur 11-7, ditto Second Pref 9-12, Central India 4-8, Equitable 35-10, Jogta 3-4, Pench Valley 21-2, South Karanpura 2-8, Talcher 3-8, Western Bengal 4-2.

JUTES: Fort Gloster Second Pref 117.

MININGS: Burma Corp 2-2, Christien Mica 6-2, Ind Copper Corp 2-1, Orissa Minerals 9, Tavoy Tin -9/-.

ENGINEERINGS: British India Electric Construction 12-4, Indian Galvanizing 43-8, Indian Malleable Casting Ordy 5, Indian Iron and Steel Ordy 22-10, Kumardhubi Engineering 7-9, Marshalls 5-4, Steel Corp of Bengal Ordy 18-9.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 6-12, Sone Valley Cement 5-15, Calcutta Electric 18-12, Ruby General Insurance 6-9, British India Corp 8-1, Indo Burma Petroleum 38-8, Orient Paper Second Preference 84, Titaghur Paper 31, Assam Saw Mills 6-7, India Steamship 7-3.

TEAS: Biswanath 31-8, Huldibari 23-12.—(API).

SAURASHTRA MARKET QUOTATION

(From Our Correspondent)
Rajkot, May 6.

Rajkot Silver Vaishak 172/15/0, Jamnagar Silver Vaishak 182/13/0, Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 28/12/0, Wadhwan Sugar Vaishak 15/14/0.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET
(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, May 6.

Closing quotation: Arvind 1,568, Ambika 435, Calico 1171, New Commercial 1065, Deferred 1362, Vivekanand 223-8-0, Atul 36-8-0, Vijay 510, Rohit 115.

Steel Plants Conference

NEW DELHI, May 6. (API)—The Industry and Supply Ministry has called a conference on May 12 to consider the project reports submitted by three foreign firms for the construction of new steel plants in India.

The conference, which will be on a secretarial level, is expected to be attended by representatives of the five Provinces concerned in the scheme, namely West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa the Central Provinces and Madras.

For Refugee Relief Fund In Burma

RANGOON, May 5.

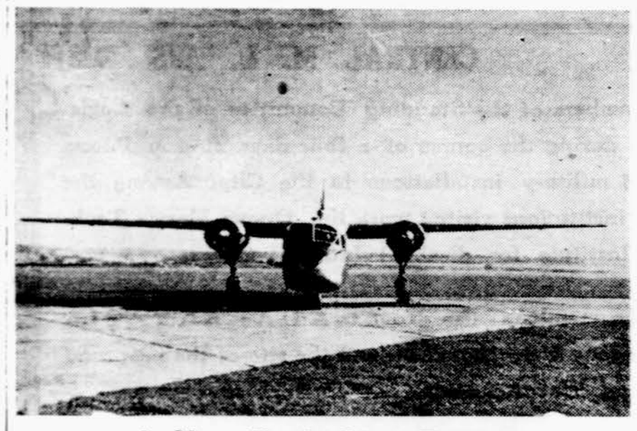
Dr. B. V. Keskar, India's Deputy Minister for External Affairs, was presented with a cheque for Rs. 1501 by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce, Rangoon, for refugee relief in Burma. The Chamber which had planned to hold a banquet in honour of Dr. Keskar decided to spend the money on refugee relief.

Hit At "White Australia"

MANILA, May 6 (UPA)—A Senate committee approved a Bill today barring the entry into the Philippines of any aliens whose own countries will not admit Filipinos. A similar Bill has been passed by the House.

Both Bills are aimed at the "White Australia" policy.

THE PERCIVAL "PRINCE"



A New Feeder-Line Transport

The Percival "Prince" is Britain's first 8-12 passenger medium transport to provide "main line" comfort for feeder lines and air charter services. Of rugged construction, low cost of operation, combined with a long range and useful payload this aircraft meets the modern operator's requirements for a small airliner or freighter. The "Prince" is powered by two Alvis "Leonides' nine cylinder aircooled radial engines, each of 520 h.p., which drive Rotol or de Havilland three bladed constant speed feathering and braking airscrews.

The "Prince" can be operated in any part of the world and skis or floats can be substituted for the normal tricycle undercarriage as fitted. The machine is particularly suited for tropical climates as the high wing design gives an entirely unobstructed cabin floor and also provides protection from the sun's rays ensuring cool cabin conditions apart from considerably enhancing the passenger's view. The tricycle undercarriage is fitted with a twin nose wheel and the cabin floor is low and parallel to the ground when the aircraft is at rest. The crew consists of a Pilot and Co-pilot, or alternatively, radio operator. Provision is made for the installation of modern radio equipment and navigational aids to meet operator's requirements.

The "Prince" has been designed with special attention to ease of maintenance. Unit construction and interchangeability enables any damaged part to be replaced easily and quickly. The aircraft is capable of a True Airspeed of 180 m.p.h. at maximum continuous weak mixture cruising using 58 per cent of the take off power and the total amount of petrol consumed by both engines under these conditions is 40 gallons per hour.

KARENS STAGE 'LITTLE TOBRUK' IN INSEIN

Govt.'s Determined Attempt To Bring Down Rebels

RANGOON, May 5 (PTI-Reuter): Rangoon's three-quarter million citizens go to bed each night to the sound of Government guns shelling the Karen stronghold of Insein on the banks of the Rangoon river where Karen rebels have been staging a "little Tobruk" within eight miles of the Burmese Capital, reports Oscar Rib eiro, P.T.I. representative in Rangoon.

Insein has been a thorn in the Government side ever since the Karens hoisted the flag of revolt there five months ago.

For five months Government forces have pounded its defences and for five months it has held out

When Insein fell to the rebels, Government lost the country's railway workshops and the third largest jail in the world. Insein jail, Burma's "Sing-Sing", can accommodate 3,500. The Karens turned its gloomy walls into a bastion but Government artillery is slowly reducing it to rubble.

Every night Government 25-pounders open up against Insein, while from the waterfront, the Burmese navy's only war-ship, the firgate "Mayu" sends 4-inch shells crashing into the rebels defences.

With equal regularity, Karens but in desperate but unsuccessful handgrenade attacks against Seminary hill, a dominating height which Government forces captured a fortnight ago. On its crest stand the battered ruins of the principal seminary of the Keren baptists who are reported to comprise the bulk of Karen insurgent forces.

GOVT.'S STRONG POSITION

Steadily Government forces have bitten into the Karen perimeter and latest reports said the rebels were clinging to only a few streets

The continued defiance of the Karens is attributed here to small reinforcements infiltrating into the beleaguered bastion from other sectors

A Kaaren column, battatlion strong, thrusting down the Prome road towards Insein was reported to have been "smashed" by Government artillery fire when it had reached Hmawbi, within 20 miles of its objective

Military obseervers here appear to have little doubt that Insein will fall. Recent forcasts however that it would be taken before the end of April proved wrong. Attempts at a negotiated peace on the Insein front have also failed.

Congressman Succumbs To Injuries

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Shaikh Hussein Yoosuf member of Nagpada Taluka Congress Committee who was assaulted with a knife by a goonda of rival political party on April 24, 1949 succumbed to injuries yesterday. He was staunch Congress man for the last 25 years.

Two Lose Life In Manhole

AGRA, May 6. (UPI)—Two sweepers lost their lives today when they entered a 35-feet deep manhole beneath the railway bridge near Jumma Masjid.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan

ROME, May 6. (PTI-Reuter)—The Premier of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan arrived here today by air from London.

Saurashtra Health Minister To Resign

RAJKOT, May 6 (API): Mr. Nanabhai Bhatt, Saurashtra's Health and Education Minister, is resigning his post from tomorrow for "pursuing constructive activities in the field of primary education", it is learnt here.

It is understood, his post will not be filled up but there will be a redistribution of portfolios among the members of the present Cabinet.

STATISTICIANS URGED TO AID FOOD PLAN

Jairamdas Daulatram's Tip

NEW DELHI, May 5:

"One of the biggest ventures on which the Government of free India have embarked, one of the biggest challenges which the Government of India have accepted is to deliver India from the bondage of foreign food by 1951", declared the Hon'ble Shri Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Government of India, addressing the second annual convocation for the award of diplomas to students of the statistical training courses of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at New Delhi yesterday evening. In this big task, Shri Jairamdas Daulatram said, the statisticians had an important part to play as only by proper planning, based on adequate data, it would be possible to realise the target fixed and ascertain the results of work done.

All-round development of Indian agriculture on a scale which was necessary in India required extensive planning on a scientific basis, Shri Jairamdas Daulatram said. He urged upon the alumnis to participate in this national work in a spirit of humility and simplicity in the spirit in which Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest man that the world has seen in many centuries, undertook his stupendous task of freeing India from her bondage. The father of the nation combined courage with humility and he urged upon the alumnis to imbibe that spirit in their work.

The Hon'ble Minister complimented the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the good work that the Council had done in spite of many difficulties and paid a special tribute to Dr. P. V. Sukhatme, Director of the training courses whom he regarded as a statistician of international reputation.

THE TRAINING COURES

In the unavoidable absence of Sardar Datar Singh, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Sri S. M. Srivastava, Secretary of the Council, read the welcome address of the Vice-Chairman Sardar Datar Singh in his address said that the I.C.A.R. statistical training course provided training for two groups of students. The first group consists of research workers in agriculture and animal husbandry sciencies, whose primary interest is not statistics but for whom statistical methods are important tools of research. The 2nd group comprises of those whose primary interest is statistics and who wish to earn their living as professional statisticians in the agriculture and animal institutes and departments of agriculture and animal husbandry

The first group of students, who are usually officers deputed by the provincial Governments for statistical training, has a shorter course extending over a period of four and a half months. 18 officer-students from provincial Governments who have had training during the year received certificates.

For students of the second group who will take to statistics as a profession, two courses of training are prescribed, namely, (1) the certificate and (2) the diploma courses. A student of the certificate course is expected to acquire mastery over the fundamentals of statistical science and its application to agriculture. A student of the diploma course is expected to acquant himself with methods of advanced and original research. The requirements of the diploma course which can be taken only after a student has completed the certificate course are of the same standard as that of the doctorate degree of a university.

He announced that the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations were proposing to set up an international training centre in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for training of delegates from Asian countries in census methods in connection with the forthcoming F.A.O. agricultural census.

STUDY TOURS

Dr. P. V. Sukhatme, Statistical Research Officer of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Director of the training courses, in his annual report said that apart from theoretical training, study tours were also arranged in various research institutes with a view to enabling the students to see for themselves the type of research problems which they were likely to deal with in their prospective assignments as professional statisticians.

The Hon'ble Minister distributed the certificates and diplomas to the successful students. The Randhawa Gold Medal for the student who topped the list of successful candidates in the certificate course examination was awarded to Sri B. V. Sukhatme and the Randhawa Gold Medal for diploma course was awarded to Sri P. N. Saksena.

Newsprint Advisory Committee

NEW DELHI, May 6. (API)—The Newsprint Central Advisory Committee which was announced to meet here on May 2 will now meet on May 24. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Minister for Industry and Supply, will preside

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Prosecution Evidence Conflicting

GODSE ALLEGES POLICE COERCION

SIMLA, May 6. (API)—Before the full bench of the East Punjab High Court, Nathuram Godse, the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi, continuing his arguments for the second day today stated that there were some contradictions in the evidence of the approver Digamber Badge and Dixit Maharaj.

Digamber Badge in his evidence had stated that during the visit of Nathuram Godse, Apte, Karkare, Badge and Madanlal to the house of Dixit Maharaj on January 15 the bag containing arms and ammunition which was left at Dixit Maharaj's house on January 14 was opened and the contents were placed back in the bag in the presence of Dixit Maharaj.

Badge handed over the bag to Apte and Apte handed it to Karkare and asked him to leave along with Madanlal for Delhi by the Punjab or Frontier Mail. Karkare and Madanlal then left.

Dixit Maharaj in his evidence referred to no such incident though he admitted the presence of Apte, Godse Badge, Karkare and Madanlal, at his house on January 15.

Badge in his evidence had stated that after Karkare and Madanlal had left Dixit Maharaj's house on January 15, Apte told Dixit Maharaj that they were proceeding on some important mission and that he (Dixit Maharaj) should give Apte a revolver or two.

Dixit Maharaj said that he had no revolver and that he had a pistol of his own which he could not give. Apte asked Dixit Maharaj to do all he could to obtain a revolver for him. Badge, Apte and Godse then left the house.

Dixit Maharaj in his evidence had said that first of all Godse, Karkare and Madanlal left his room. He then asked Badge as to what was the object of their coming to his house. He told him that they were going on an important mission and asked him for a revolver or pistol.

IDENTIFICATION OF BAG

The Special Judge, Nathuram Godse added, had observed in his judgment that there were two contradictions.

Godse said that the bag was not shown to Dixit Maharaj for identification.

Mr. Justice Bhandari:—Would that make much difference?

Godse:—It was alleged that this bag was recovered from Gopal Godse. So it is an attempt on the part of the prosecution to connect others with the bag and the "stuff" in it.

Mr. Justice Khosla:—Is there anything peculiar about the bag?

Godse: No My Lord.

Mr. Justice Khosla: Then there is nothing much?

Mr. Justice Bhandari: The important thing is that certain ammunition was actually shown to Dixit Maharaj in the presence of yourself and others.

Godse: I have denied it.

The evidence of Dixit Maharaj and Dada Maharaj, Nathuram Godse went on, had a peculiar feature. In a way they had tried to help the case of the prosecution and the defence to some extent, because perhaps they might be very friendly with the accused and perhaps they wanted to perform their duty to the prosecution.

Mr. Justice Achhru Ram:—Or it may be they were stating what they believed to be true regardless of whether it will be helping one party or the other.

DELHI VISIT

Godse again referred to approver Badge's evidence and said that according to Badge five of the accused carried one hand grenade each and the other two carried one revolver each on January 20. The prosecution had accounted for the four hand grenades.

As regards the fifth hand grenade Mr. Nagarwala, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay, had stated that he had accompanied Nathuram Godse to Delhi on April 5 as he (Godse) intended to show a place where he had kept the fifth hand grenade. Godse showed him the place but no hand grenade was recovered.

Commenting on this statement of Mr. Nagarwala, Godse said that he was brought to Delhi for two purposes. Firstly, to recover the hand grenade and secondly, to trace out the photographer who had photographed him on the morning of January 30 at Delhi.

As regards the pointing of the place, Godse went on, the court could very well imagine the helplessness of an accused person when he was in police custody. "Generally when an accused is in police custody and he is confronted with something by the police he has to concoct some story," Godse said.

COERCION

At this stage Mr. C. K. Daphtary Chief Prosecuting Counsel, pointed out that when the police officers were in the witness box no such question of torture or coercion was put to them by the accused.

Godse said that on the very first day of the trial before the Special Judge Madanlal presented an application making certain allegations against a particular police officer. That police officer was not even put in witness box.

Arguing how witnesses have to concoct stories according to the wishes of the prosecution, when they are harassed, Godse said that two prosecution witnesses, Madusudan Gopal Golwalker, and Govind Vishnu Kale of Poona were detained by the police and were made to give statements according to the wishes of the police.

Golwalker had stated that eight or ten days before the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, Gopal came to his house and deposited a bag with him containing a revolver. After the murder of Mahatma Gandhi he got frightened and handed over the bag to Kale for the disposal of the revolver.

POLICE WISHES

Godse argued that when it was inconvenient to the prosecution then the literate witnesses did not fix a date but when it suited the prosecution even illiterate people like a tongawala would fix a date. Godse said that, according to the prosecution, Gopal was in Delhi on January 21. How could then he be at the house of Golwalker eight or ten days before the murder of Mahatma Gandhi, he asked.

He would submit that when police faced an accused person with some fact the accused had to concoct a story according to the wishes of the police. Similarly when police asked him (Godse) about the fifth hand grenade he asked them to take him to Delhi.

But that statement, Godse went on, was inadmissible as it was a statement before the people. He submitted that the court should take into consideration that accused were helpless when they were in police detention. Hence except the evidence of approver Badge, there was no other proof of the fifth hand grenade. Thereafter this part of the evidence of approver Badge that there were five hand grenades was not corroborated by any witness.

PRESENCE IN POONA

Nathuram Godse said that according to Badge he (Godse) was at Poona on January 16. In support of this statement, the prosecution had produced the pocked diary of Godse in which there was an entry of Rs. 20 relating to a visit to Poona and back on January 16.

Godse explained that if he himself had gone to Poona, he would have made two entries, one for outward journey and the other for inward journey.

As a matter of fact, Godse explained, he had advanced this amount to his correspondent for his visit to Poona.

Dixit Maharaj had stated in his evidence that Badge came to see him either on the evening of January 15 or on the morning of January 16 but he had not given the exact date. G. S. Kharat, a Bombay M.L.A., N. T. Nagmode and A. G. Shelar had deposed that Badge kept a bag containing arms at the house of Shelar in January but they too had not given any definite date.

Badge had stated that he stayed at the Agra Hotel, Bombay, on the night of January 17, but the proprietor of the hotel, Navre, was not produced in the court though he was brought for identification.

Godse said the prosecution had taken an unfair advantage of the entry in his diary to prove his presence at Poona on January 16. No witness had given evidence except Badge to prove his presence in Poona on that date. On the other hand there were indications to show that Badge had seen Dixit Maharaj on January 16 at Bombay. Badge left Bombay for Poona on January 17 and returned to Bombay on January 18. Therefore, Badge's story that he met Godse at Poona on January 16 stood disproved.

IDENTIFICATION PARADES

Referring to the identification parades, Godse, said that the identification parades held by Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, and Mr. Kishen Chand, a Delhi Magistrate, were fair.

His complaint was that before the identification proceedings actually took place efforts were made to show him to the identifying witnesses. The accused were kept not in ordinary lock-up but in the office rooms at the new C.I.D. buildings at Bombay. There were ample opportunities for identifying witnesses to see him. Therefore, evidence based on identification might not be use as evidence against the accused.

LENIENCY TO PROSECUTION

In support of his allegation that he was shown to the witnesses, Godse quoted the evidence of Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, who had stated that Godse had complained to him that he was shown to the witnesses.

Godse then showed to Their Lordships the plan of the Tughlak Road police station, Delhi, where he was kept after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and pointed out that a portion of the courtyard of the Tughlak Road police station was quite visible from the cell in which he was kept.

Though the police witnesses had stated that there was a curtain on the door of his cell his submission was that nobody could prevent the police from removing the curtain and showing him to the witnesses.

Mr. Justice Achhru Ram: "We cannot take a judicial notice of anything which is not on record."

Godse: "My Lord, the Special Judge had taken a very sympathetic view of the disability of the prosecution to produce certain witnesses.

If this leniency can be shown to the prosecution who have all resources at their command why not the same leniency, if not more, be shown to the accused for not having produced evidence in support of his allegation.

Mr. Justice Achhru Ram: "We may not draw any inference from the absence of any prosecution evidence. Similarly we cannot take any judicial notice of a fact which has not come on record.

Sardar Jaswant Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Delhi, had said that he did not take any action against Surjit Singh for plying his taxi without licence. Surjit Singh was not prosecuted because he was a refugee. His evidence therefore should not be relied upon, Godse added.

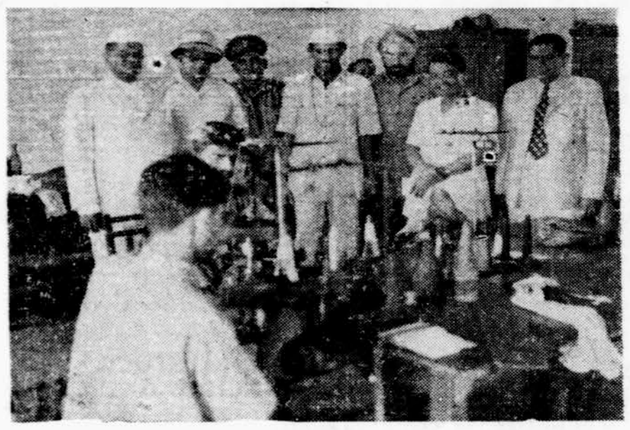
Godse had not concluded his arguments when the court adjurned till Monday.

CENTRAL M. L. A.'S VISIT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Members of the Standing Committee of the Legislature during the course of a four days stay in Poona visited military installations in the City. Among the many institutions visited were the Queen Mary's Technical Institute for disabled Indian Soldiers.

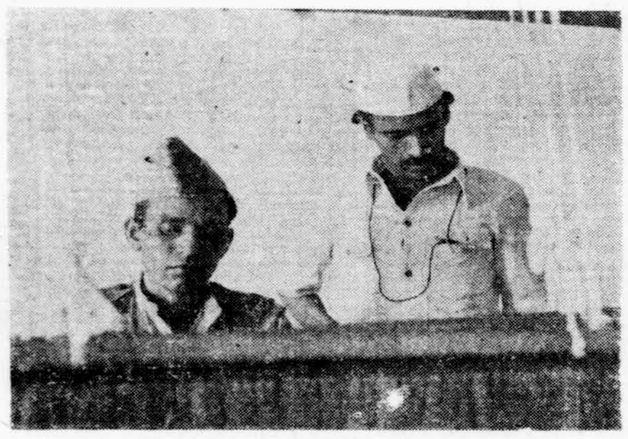
The members also drove to KHARAKVASLA where they were shown around the site of the proposed National War Academy.

On Monday the 2nd May, 49 the party left Poona by car for Bombay, from where they will proceed to Delhi.



The party interestedly watching a disabled soldier at work in the weaving section of the Queen Mary's Technical Institute.

Sri Ari Bahadur GURUNG, one of the members, chats to a trainee of the Institute.



Mr. KAMATH, another of the members, watches a trainee at work on a weaving loom.

NEHRU LEAVES FOR BOMBAY

RECEIVES WARM SEND OFF AT AIRPORT

GENEVA, May 5 (PTI-Reuter): Mrs. Dhirajlal Desai, wife of the Indian Minister to Switzerland, presented Pandit Nehru, with a garland of flowers when he left here by air tonight for Bombay after a three-day visit to Switzerland.

Seen off at the airport by Swiss officials and members of the Indian community, he carried with him presents of Swiss chocolates, cheese and tulips.

He left instructions that flowers sent to him during his visit should be distributed to Swiss hospitals.

Pandit Nehru in a farewell message to M. Ernst Nobs, President of the Swiss Confederation said "as I leave Switzerland after a brief but very full three-day stay, I wish to express my deep gratitude to you, to your colleagues of the Federal Council, your Government and the people of this beautiful country for the generous hospitality and goodwill that I have met everywhere.

"For many years past Switzerland has occupied a warm corner of my heart and I have fresh memories which I shall treasure.

"I hope the friendly bonds that unite our countries will grow ever closer. Again thanking you, I beg to assure you of my highest consideration."

Pandit Nehru is due to arrive in Bombay late tomorrow night.

Mr. M. O. Matthai, his private secretary, is travelling back with him.

DINES WITH PAUL RUEGGER

GENEVA, May 5 (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Nehru was the guest of honour at a dinner given tonight by M. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Other guests included the Swiss Foreign Minister, M. Max Petitpierre and leading delegates to the Sixty-nation Red Cross Conference in Geneva to draw up "humanitarian rules" for atomic warfare.

The Prime Minister went on to a reception attended by a large number of guests at M. Ruegger's house outside Geneva after dinner.

Although Pandit Nehru's stop at Lausanne was unofficial, M. Paul Chaudet, President of the Canton, 20 police in black, blue green and white ceremonial uniforms and four Indian students were on the platform to greet him.

He drove straight to the Maison du Peuple, a Swiss cultural organisation under which the Indian art exhibition is being held. He was presented with a bouquet by a young Swiss girl before walking round the 54 Indian scene photographs on view. They were taken by a German expert a few years ago.

This town has sad associations for the Indian Prime Minister. An entry in a thickly bound book in the Town Hall records the death and cremation of Pandit Nehru's wife, Kamala Nehru in February 1936.

Nehru Visits Syud Hossain's Tomb

CAIRO, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, on his way home from the London Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, broke his journey here today to visit the tomb of Dr. Syud Hossain, a long standing friend and India's first Ambassador to Egypt.

Dr. Hossain died in Cairo last February.

Pandit Nehru, accompanied by the entire embassy staff, motored 15 miles to the Muslim cemetery to lay a wreath on Dr. Hossain's tomb. He later continued his journey to Bombay.

U. S. And U. K. Journalists Set Free In Berlin

BERLIN, May 5 (PTI-Reuter): A British and two United States correspondents were released by the Russian authorities in Berlin this afternoon after several hours detention.

The three were detained last night while trying to "run the Berlin blockade."

BURMESE PAPER SUPPORTS NEHRU

He Has Scored A Victory, It Says

RANGOON, May 6 (PTI-Reuter): The Burmese press continues to react to the issue of India's retention in the Commonwealth and its implications to Burma, writes Oscar Ribeiro, P.T.I representative.

The "Nation", one of the leading English-language dailies of Rangoon in a leader entitled "Nehru shows the way" said: "In spite of the attacks unleashed against him in the Indian press we think Pandit Nehru has scored a signal diplomatic victory at the Commonwealth conference."

Mixed Grill

IT was written of an Editor of the "Chicago Times": "They wanted crime and he gave it to them. If there was not a little hanging on the front page, some little lad of a reporter would lose his job. There was murder and arson till you could not rest, robbery and burglary for page after page, with any quantity of scandal for the women's page, and a fair assortment of larceny and assault and battery for the little ones".

Indian Editors are not so full-blooded. Even so, there are few who do not order their reporters to bring "human" stories; nor are they satisfied merely with crime in this quest of 'human' stories. Reporters too, rove far afield and produce stories not only of men but of mice. Animals, in fact, are a pet source of news—horses, dogs and monkeys being favourites. But recently snakes seem to have come into their own and are giving determined competition.

It was not so long ago, that we had a story of mass migration of serpents, marching in procession, hissing with uplifted hoods, from Ernakulam. And now comes an even more circumstantial report from Banaras of snakes dying in their hundreds and thousands in Eastern United Provinces. Despite the eerie feeling which is reported to pervade the countryside at this strange phenomenon of mass deaths, it is no matter for regret for anyone except snake worshippers.

All the same, the report strangely perturbed me. It created an eerie feeling in my mind and sent a cold shiver down my spine. The reason is this. According to this report, 10,000 snakes have died in six villages. Of course, they must all have lived there before they could die, because although the report mentions the snake sacrifice of King Janamejaya narrated in the Mahabharata, it does not say that the snakes came to the villages from elsewhere, to lie down and die.

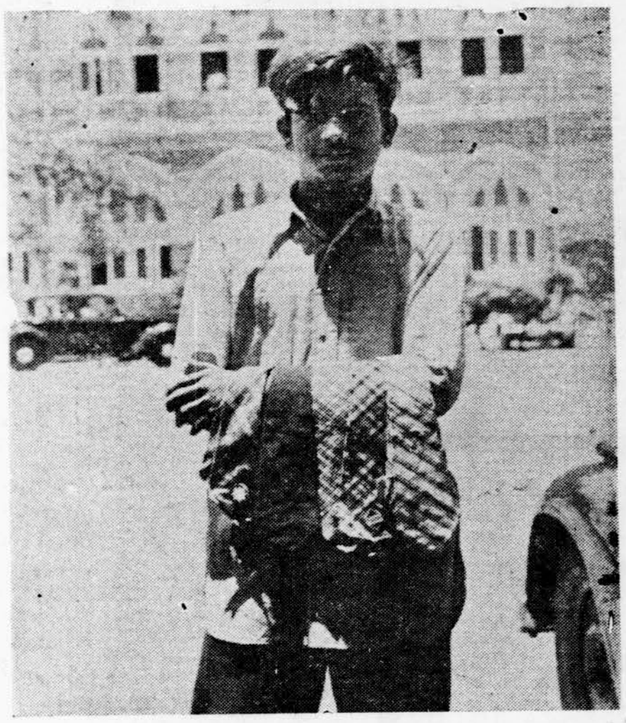
Consider what that means. Ten thousand snakes in six villages! If those are just normal villages how many snakes there should be in the seven lakhs of villages in India, not to speak of course of the forests where they must abound. I am not quite good at arithmetic, but I estimate there must be about a thousand million snakes in India. And if the population of this country is about 300,000,000, it gives us three snakes per head of population, plus a little extra.

We are wont to boast of the potential wealth of India—its fauna and flora and its mineral resources. We talk of its forest wealth and cattle wealth. But surely the snake wealth of India, must be most spectacularly overwhelming single item, in which India cannot have either equal or parallel!

EACH INDIAN MAY NOT BE WORTH THREE RUPEES BUT HE IS WORTH MORE THAN THREE SNAKES.

Grumbler

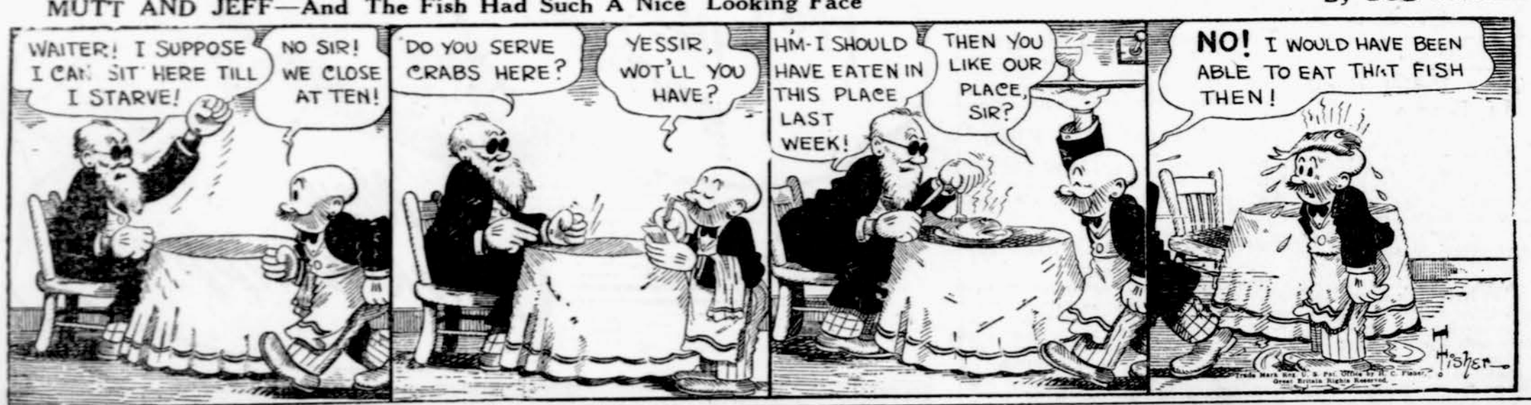
BOMBAY'S STREET VENDORS



94. The Tie-Walla

Here is an aid to personality for a paltry ten annas. If your coat has developed frills at the back due to an overenthusiastic dhobi, you have only to pick one of these gaudy pieces and tie them round the neck. No one will notice the flaws in the coat. "All ties give knots", argues this vendor if you start scrutinising the make. If the tie in his collection looks a rag after forty eight hours, it is your fault. You do not know how to handle good things. If it comes from the wash with technicolour effect, it is the fault of the dhobi. The vendor carries stripes and stars of assorted variety. You may be too puzzled to make the right choice. So it is better to leave the choice to the vendor and take a chance with your personality.

MUTT AND JEFF—And The Fish Had Such A Nice Looking Face — By BUD FISHER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NO SIR! WE CLOSE AT TEN!
DO YOU SERVE CRABS HERE?
YESSIR, WOT'LL YOU HAVE?
HM-I SHOULD HAVE EATEN IN THIS PLACE LAST WEEK!
THEN YOU LIKE OUR PLACE, SIR?
NO! I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EAT THAT FISH THEN!
Fisher

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